

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 30, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 17 through 23, 2009, as "Emergency
2 Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; designating May 21,
3 2009, as "Emergency Medical Services Day" in Pennsylvania;
4 designating May 22, 2009, as "Emergency Medical Services
5 Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania; and designating May 23, 2009,
6 as "Moment of Silence Day" in Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, "Emergency Medical Services Week" brings together
8 local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and
9 to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day
10 lifesaving services of the medical front line; and

11 WHEREAS, The theme for "EMS Week" in 2009 is "EMS, a Proud

1 Partner in Your Community"; and

2 WHEREAS, The emergency medical services system in this
3 Commonwealth has been developed to provide essential emergency
4 services and care for sick and injured persons and frequently
5 acts as a health care safety net for many Commonwealth residents
6 and visitors; and

7 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth benefit daily from
8 this system and from the commitment, dedication, knowledge,
9 skill, specialized education and services of those providers who
10 devote their time and energy to saving the lives of others and
11 who perform extraordinary public service under stressful and
12 even hazardous conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, Rapid access to quality and professional emergency
14 medical services and care dramatically improves the probability
15 of survival and recovery for persons who experience sudden
16 illness or injury; and

17 WHEREAS, The EMS community consists of volunteer and paid
18 providers, including physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency
19 medical technicians, aeromedical personnel, first responders,
20 ambulance attendants, EMS vehicle operators, police officers,
21 firefighters and emergency services dispatchers, as well as
22 educators and administrators who support and assist providers
23 and the public; and

24 WHEREAS, In appreciation and recognition of the organized and
25 coordinated efforts of the EMS system in this Commonwealth,
26 professionals who directly provide services and those who
27 support and assist services, Pennsylvania sets aside a week to
28 commemorate, appreciate, recognize and support planned
29 activities throughout the State; and

30 WHEREAS, "Emergency Medical Services Week" further informs

1 the citizens of this Commonwealth of the availability,
2 importance and capability of their EMS system, educates them
3 about injury and illness prevention and what to do when
4 confronted with a medical emergency and encourages them to learn
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, plan and practice home and
6 highway safety and instruct all family members on the proper and
7 appropriate use of the EMS system; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 value and the accomplishments of the emergency medical services
10 community by designating the week of May 17 through 23, 2009, as
11 "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 21,
14 2009, as "Emergency Medical Services Day" in Pennsylvania to
15 acknowledge and recognize the ambulance services, fire
16 departments and police departments who provide and support
17 emergency medical services in this Commonwealth; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 22,
20 2009, as "Emergency Medical Services Personnel Day" in
21 Pennsylvania for the purpose of appreciating, supporting and
22 recognizing the professionals whose day-to-day lifesaving
23 services ensure that the emergency medical services system
24 continues serving on health care's front line; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 23,
26 2009, as "Moment of Silence Day" in Pennsylvania to honor and
27 remember civilian and military emergency medical service
28 providers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their
29 lives in the line of duty, with emergency medical services
30 organizations participating, where practical and reasonable, in

1 one minute of radio silence at 8 p.m. eastern daylight time.