

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2010 as "Emergency
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, disaster emergencies strike communities
4 across the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Recovery when a disaster strikes is a collective
6 action involving the survivors, the community, government,
7 nongovernmental agencies and private industry; and

8 WHEREAS, Emergencies come in many forms, from natural
9 disasters like Hurricane Agnes and Hurricane Katrina to man-made
10 disasters such as the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, In September 2010, the Department of Homeland
12 Security is sponsoring National Preparedness Month to encourage
13 Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in
14 their homes, businesses, communities, places of worship and
15 schools; and

16 WHEREAS, The purpose of National Preparedness Month is to

1 raise the awareness of the necessity for emergency preparedness;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to helping all of its
4 residents, communities and businesses prepare for, respond to
5 and recover from emergencies; and

6 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has made it a special priority to
7 have emergency preparedness planning for those with special
8 needs, including children, older Pennsylvanians, people with
9 disabilities, and owners of pets and livestock; and

10 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has an ongoing ReadyPA campaign to
11 raise the awareness of its residents regarding emergencies and
12 to help Pennsylvanians prepare for an emergency; and

13 WHEREAS, The ReadyPA Internet website is www.readypa.org; and

14 WHEREAS, One goal of ReadyPA is to encourage Pennsylvanians
15 to "Be Informed" by learning what type of emergencies may occur
16 and what to do during the first 72 hours after an emergency
17 strikes; and

18 WHEREAS, A second goal of ReadyPA is to encourage
19 Pennsylvanians to "Be Prepared" by having an emergency plan and
20 an emergency supply kit for themselves, their families and their
21 businesses; and

22 WHEREAS, A third goal of ReadyPA is to encourage
23 Pennsylvanians to "Be Involved" by volunteering their time and
24 services to help others prepare for, respond to and recover from
25 emergencies, including volunteering through Citizen Corps and
26 SERVPA (www.serve.pa.gov); and

27 WHEREAS, Being prepared for emergencies has saved the lives
28 of countless people in every kind of disaster; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED That the Senate designate the month of September
30 2010 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.