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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "Drinking
2 Water Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While 80% of the earth's surface is covered with
4 water, only 1% of that water is suitable for human consumption;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Groundwater, the water that soaks into the soil from
7 raindrops and moves downward to fill cracks and other openings
8 in beds of rock and sand, makes up about 90% of the fresh water
9 on earth, not including polar icecaps; and

10 WHEREAS, Individual water wells tapping groundwater resources
11 provide high-quality water to many homeowners and businesses;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Few people consider water supply when choosing a
14 home or when taking a stand on local water supply regulations;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, An estimated 2,200 municipally owned or investor-
17 owned community drinking water systems provide high-quality
18 water to homeowners and businesses; and

1 WHEREAS, Federal and State drinking water standards are
2 upheld by the Department of Environmental Protection for all of
3 those systems; and

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regulates
5 the rates and service of approximately 118 investor-owned water
6 companies in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The mission of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
8 Commission is to ensure that safe and reliable service is
9 provided to ratepayers at a reasonable price; and

10 WHEREAS, PENNVEST (the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment
11 Authority) and the H2O PA Program provide low-cost financial
12 assistance for infrastructure improvements to community drinking
13 water systems; and

14 WHEREAS, Ongoing cooperation among the Department of
15 Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Public Utility
16 Commission, PENNVEST and the H2O PA Program strengthens drinking
17 water system viability, enhances service, increases economies of
18 scale, regionally maximizes efficient water supply and use and
19 fosters economic development; and

20 WHEREAS, A new State water plan has been developed to
21 coordinate regional, county and local water allocation and use,
22 land development planning and related zoning requirements under
23 Act 220 of 2002; and

24 WHEREAS, The American Water Works Association established
25 "National Drinking Water Week" more than 30 years ago to call
26 attention to water as a precious natural resource; and

27 WHEREAS, Water conservation and water quality maintenance are
28 essential to this Commonwealth and our nation; and

29 WHEREAS, Because the service provided by viable community
30 drinking water systems is generally available instantaneously on

1 a 24-hour basis, many of us take safe and reliable drinking
2 water for granted; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 3 through
4 9, 2015, as "Drinking Water Week" in Pennsylvania to heighten
5 awareness of drinking water treatment, monitoring, distribution
6 and related costs and urge all residents of this Commonwealth to
7 protect our watersheds, conserve our precious drinking water
8 supply and preserve its superior quality.