
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "National
2 Arson Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the United States Fire Administration
4 in a report covering the period 2010 through 2012, an estimated
5 17,400 fires were set intentionally in residential buildings
6 each year, resulting in 275 civilian deaths, 800 civilian
7 injuries and \$513 million in property loss each year; and

8 WHEREAS, For this same time period, an estimated 9,000
9 intentionally set fires occurred in nonresidential buildings
10 each year, resulting in \$282 million in property loss; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
12 over the last five years an average of 53,127 arsons were
13 reported with an average loss of \$15,086 per incident; and

14 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Arson Awareness
15 Week" is "Accelerant Detection Canines - Sniffing Out Arson";
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Accelerant detection canines can cover an entire

1 fire scene within 30 minutes; and

2 WHEREAS, On average, three canine-team-collected lab samples
3 are needed to identify a fire accelerant, versus 20 samples
4 collected by a human alone; and

5 WHEREAS, The use of accelerant detection canines by fire
6 departments reduces expenditures, speeds up investigations and
7 results in higher conviction rates; and

8 WHEREAS, This year's "National Arson Awareness Week" will
9 focus on the value and contribution accelerant detection canines
10 make to fire departments, law enforcement agencies and their
11 communities; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 3 through
13 9, 2015, as "National Arson Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate pay special tribute to all fire and
16 law enforcement investigative agencies for their dedicated
17 and tireless service.