
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Pennsylvania Utility Contractors Association,
2 doing business as the National Utility Contractors
3 Association of Pennsylvania, and recognizing its 50th
4 anniversary as a trade association.

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Utility Contractors Association
6 (PUCA), doing business as the National Utility Contractors
7 Association (NUCA) of Pennsylvania, is a 50-year-old nonprofit
8 trade association representing the underground utility
9 construction industry; and

10 WHEREAS, PUCA's mission is to promote safe and responsible
11 installation of new underground utility infrastructure and
12 rehabilitation of existing underground utility infrastructure,
13 including water, sewer, gas, electrical, telecommunications,
14 water and wastewater treatment plants, dams and landfills; and

15 WHEREAS, PUCA brings the underground utility construction
16 industry, policymakers and stakeholders together as they focus
17 on long-range underground utility infrastructure development,
18 encouraging adequate government services, catalyzing consensus
19 on damage prevention issues and convening discussion relating to

safe and responsible installation; and

WHEREAS, PUCA is composed of a diverse membership of recognized underground utility contractors, site developers, engineers, heavy equipment dealers, equipment suppliers, law firms, insurance bonding agents and anyone with an interest in underground utility contracting in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The Western Pennsylvania Utility Contractors Association (WPUCA) was incorporated on April 20, 1967, with 20 contractor members and 12 associate members; and

WHEREAS, WPUCA hosted the First Annual Convention of NUCA in Pittsburgh on June 27 through 28, 1969; and

WHEREAS, WPUCA served the northwest, central and western regions of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The Utility Contractors of Eastern Pennsylvania (UCAEP) was incorporated on August 11, 1969, and was affiliated with NUCA National in late 1969; and

WHEREAS, UCAEP served the northeast, capital and eastern Pennsylvania regions; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, in recognition of common interests and needs, the WPUCA and UCAEP were dissolved as corporations and the new Statewide association was formed of stakeholders and elected officials, administrators and professional staff representing local government agencies along with State agencies and legislative and executive leadership; and

WHEREAS, PUCA is committed to the mission of promoting safe and responsible infrastructure installation and is proactively involved in the formulation of policy and legislation critical to the utility construction industry by addressing safety issues, regulatory compliance and underground utility infrastructure needs within this Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, PUCA continues to increase its influence among
2 stakeholders, policymakers and elected officials Statewide; and

3 WHEREAS, PUCA is hosting its 50th anniversary celebration on
4 September 8 through 9, 2017, in State College to raise awareness
5 of the industry and the need for safety and to have its message
6 resonate among members of the subsurface utility industry and
7 the General Assembly; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the Pennsylvania Utility
9 Contractors Association for its efforts to promote safe and
10 responsible installation of underground utilities in this
11 Commonwealth; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the celebration on
13 September 8 through 9, 2017, marking the association's 50th
14 anniversary as a leading trade association; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of
16 this resolution to the Pennsylvania Utility Contractors
17 Association.