

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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FOLMER, WHITE, VOGEL, RAFFERTY, WARD, COSTA, YAW AND SCHWANK,  
JANUARY 23, 2018

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 1 through 7, 2018, as "First  
2 Responder Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvanians have benefited from the  
4 brave and courageous service of first responders across this  
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The police, fire, emergency medical service and  
7 public health personnel, who are commonly known as first  
8 responders, work tirelessly and selflessly for the residents of  
9 this Commonwealth, regardless of any personal peril and hazard;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The men and women who bravely serve as first  
12 responders find themselves on the front lines of homeland  
13 defense in the war against terrorism; and

14 WHEREAS, First responders are called upon to serve the  
15 residents of this Commonwealth in the event of natural  
16 disasters; and

1 WHEREAS, First responders across this Commonwealth risk their  
2 lives every day to make our communities safe, including 55,000  
3 registered emergency medical service workers, 75,000  
4 firefighters and more than 45,000 police officers; and

5 WHEREAS, Emergency medical service workers respond to and  
6 treat many life-threatening emergencies, from traumatic injuries  
7 and strokes to cardiac arrest; and

8 WHEREAS, Both volunteer and career firefighters provide  
9 critical fire prevention safety and education, fire suppression,  
10 automobile accident response, search and rescue and hazardous  
11 material response, and often provide emergency medical services  
12 when needed at the scene; and

13 WHEREAS, Police officers protect our lives and properties,  
14 prevent and detect crimes and ensure justice; and

15 WHEREAS, First responders make personal sacrifices in order  
16 to keep this Commonwealth safe and sometimes make the ultimate  
17 sacrifice in the line of duty to ensure the well-being of the  
18 residents of this Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, These men and women should be honored the first week  
20 of the year to show our renewed respect, appreciation and  
21 gratitude for those who carry out the critical role of  
22 protecting and ensuring public safety for all of us; therefore  
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of January 1  
25 through 7, 2018, as "First Responder Appreciation Week" in  
26 Pennsylvania.