

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 7, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 16 through 22, 2019, as "Trench
2 Safety Stand Down Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Trenching and excavation work are hazardous
4 construction operations performed by many Pennsylvanians every
5 day; and

6 WHEREAS, Construction employers and employees who work in
7 trenching and excavation need continuous access to education and
8 training in identifying hazards associated with these
9 activities; and

10 WHEREAS, Trench collapse deaths are easily preventable with
11 proper shielding, shoring, sloping and training; and

12 WHEREAS, Despite increased training and hazard
13 identification, recent national statistics show an alarming
14 increase in trench injuries and deaths, and in 2016, the United
15 States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
16 reported that trench injuries and deaths were nearly double the

1 average of the previous five years; and

2 WHEREAS, NUCA Pennsylvania, a chapter of a National
3 Construction Trade Association representing underground utility
4 and excavating contractors, has focused on education and
5 training through trenching and excavating hazard awareness
6 programs that are approved by OSHA and sponsored by the North
7 American Excavation Shoring Association; and

8 WHEREAS, During "Trench Safety Stand Down Week" and
9 throughout the year, organizations and individuals in this
10 Commonwealth are encouraged to focus on education and training
11 in trenching and excavating hazard awareness in order to improve
12 the health, safety and welfare of construction workers and all
13 residents of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 week of June 16 through 22, 2019, as "Trench Safety Stand Down
16 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives transmit a copy
18 of this resolution to NUCA Pennsylvania so that members of the
19 organization may be apprised of the House of Representatives'
20 commitment to raising awareness of trenching and excavation
21 hazards.