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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on January  
2 28, 2022, in response to the Forbes Avenue/Fern Hollow Bridge  
3 Collapse.

4 WHEREAS, On January 28, 2022, the Governor issued a  
5 proclamation declaring a disaster emergency in response to the  
6 collapse of the Forbes Avenue/Fern Hollow Bridge in the City of  
7 Pittsburgh, Allegheny County; and

8 WHEREAS, Multiple vehicles were driving on the bridge at the  
9 time of the collapse; and

10 WHEREAS, Vehicles, motorists and passengers fell  
11 approximately 100 feet during the collapse; and

12 WHEREAS, Motorists and first responders sustained injuries as  
13 a result of the collapse; and

14 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh and surrounding political  
15 subdivisions continue to experience adverse effects to include  
16 ongoing traffic disruptions in and around the scene of the  
17 incident; and

18 WHEREAS, These adverse impacts are of such magnitude or

1 severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's  
2 supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources  
3 and the activation of all applicable State, county and municipal  
4 emergency response plans; and

5 WHEREAS, Recovery efforts in response to the damage caused by  
6 the collapse remain ongoing; and

7 WHEREAS, Extending the disaster declaration will ensure that  
8 the Department of Transportation is eligible to receive  
9 emergency relief funding from the Federal Government to assist  
10 the City of Pittsburgh; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
12 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with section  
13 20(c) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, extend  
14 in whole until March 31, 2022, the disaster emergency declared  
15 on January 28, 2022, in response to the collapse of the Forbes  
16 Avenue/Fern Hollow Bridge in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny  
17 County, except as terminated or extended, in whole or in part,  
18 by the General Assembly; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this concurrent resolution  
20 by both chambers of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the  
21 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
22 notify the Governor of the General Assembly's action; and be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief  
25 Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit this concurrent  
26 resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication  
27 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin under 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4); and  
28 be it further

29 RESOLVED, That this concurrent resolution take effect  
30 immediately.