

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 439 Session of
1998

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 22, 1998

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of May 17 through 23, 1998, as "Emergency
2 Medical Services Week"; declaring May 17, 1998, as "Citizen
3 Recognition and Appreciation Day"; and declaring May 23,
4 1998, as "Emergency Medical Services Day" in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The emergency medical services system in this
6 Commonwealth has been developed to provide emergency services
7 and care to the sick and injured and to provide transportation
8 to an appropriate medical or health care facility; and

9 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth benefit daily from
10 this system and from the knowledge, skill, specialized training
11 and services of those providers who devote their lives to saving

1 the lives of others and who perform extraordinary public
2 services under sometimes stressful and often dangerous and
3 hazardous conditions; and

4 WHEREAS, Rapid access to quality and professional emergency
5 medical services and care dramatically improves the probability
6 of survival and recovery for those who experience sudden illness
7 or injury; and

8 WHEREAS, The emergency medical services community consists of
9 volunteer and paid providers, including physicians, nurses,
10 paramedics, emergency medical technicians, aeromedical
11 personnel, first responders, ambulance attendants, ambulance
12 drivers, police officers, firefighters and emergency services
13 dispatchers, as well as educators and administrators who support
14 and assist emergency medical services and in many instances the
15 public, who together comprise and link the emergency medical
16 services network; and

17 WHEREAS, In appreciation and recognition of the organized and
18 coordinated efforts of the Pennsylvania emergency medical
19 services system, those professionals who directly provide these
20 services and those who support and assist emergency medical
21 services, the Commonwealth sets aside a week to commemorate,
22 appreciate, recognize and support planned activities in this
23 Commonwealth; and

24 WHEREAS, "Emergency Medical Services Week" further serves to
25 inform the citizens of this Commonwealth of the availability,
26 importance and capability of their emergency medical services
27 system and to educate the citizens of this Commonwealth about
28 injury and illness prevention and what to do when confronted
29 with a medical emergency as well as to encourage citizens to
30 learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation, plan and practice home and

1 highway safety and instruct all family members on the proper and
2 appropriate use of the emergency medical services system;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 value and the accomplishments of the emergency medical services
6 community by designating the week of May 17 through 23, 1998, as
7 "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare Sunday,
10 May 17, 1998, as "Citizen Recognition and Appreciation Day" for
11 the emergency medical services community to acknowledge the
12 citizens of this Commonwealth who participate in cardiopulmonary
13 resuscitation, first aid, fundraising and other activities that
14 support emergency medical services in their communities in this
15 Commonwealth; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare Saturday,
17 May 23, 1998, as "Emergency Medical Services Day" for the
18 purpose of appreciating, supporting and recognizing the
19 professionals who make up the entire emergency medical services
20 community and all of the service providers who support emergency
21 medical services in this Commonwealth.