## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 136 Session of 2001

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor to establish an Office of Public Security to 2 develop a comprehensive Statewide strategy to secure 3 Pennsylvania from acts of terrorism or terroristic threats. 4 WHEREAS, The events of September 11, 2001, have changed the 5 way Americans think and act regarding issues of safety; and 6 WHEREAS, Former Governor Tom Ridge has been appointed by 7 President Bush to head the Office of Homeland Security; and WHEREAS, One of the purposes of the Office of Homeland 8 Security is to coordinate reporting and safety procedures with 9 10 State and local governments; and 11 WHEREAS, Governor George E. Pataki of New York recently appointed former assistant director of the FBI, New York 12 13 Division, James K. Kallstrom, to head the newly created Office 14 of Public Security to coordinate and bolster antiterrorism 15 efforts in New York; and 16 WHEREAS, The Senate of Pennsylvania believes the Commonwealth needs an Office of Public Security to coordinate and bolster 17

18 antiterrorism efforts in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate urge Governor Mark Schweiker to
establish an Office of Public Security to ensure maximum
preparedness for possible terrorist acts or threats.