

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY, PUNT, GREENLEAF, THOMPSON, D. WHITE AND
RAFFERTY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the month of September 2005 as "National Preparedness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania and urging the residents of this
3 Commonwealth to take advantage of nationwide and Statewide
4 initiatives which show individuals how to create emergency
5 kits, make a family emergency plan, become informed about
6 different threats and get involved in preparing their
7 communities for emergencies.

8 WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" is a nationwide effort
9 to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for
10 emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools; and

11 WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" has a goal of
12 increasing public awareness about the importance of preparing
13 for emergencies and encouraging individuals to take action
14 through simple steps such as creating an emergency kit, making a
15 family emergency plan, becoming informed about different threats
16 and getting involved in preparing communities for emergencies;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Cosponsored by the United States Department of
19 Homeland Security and the American Red Cross, nearly 200 public

1 and private organizations have joined to form the National
2 Preparedness Month Coalition that is providing information,
3 hosting events and sponsoring activities to disseminate
4 emergency preparedness messages and encourage action among
5 customers, members, employees, stakeholders and communities
6 across the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Governor Rendell, the Pennsylvania Emergency
8 Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland
9 Security are joining in observing "National Preparedness Month";
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Local government units throughout this Commonwealth
12 are encouraged to participate in "National Preparedness Month"
13 by hosting town hall meetings on preparedness, enacting
14 resolutions and issuing proclamations, hosting first aid or
15 preparedness training classes, incorporating related information
16 into community newsletters and providing detailed information on
17 resources available to individuals in communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Having all Americans work together to deter, prevent
19 and respond to all types of emergencies, including potential
20 terrorist attacks and natural disasters, ensures that all of us
21 are contributing to the safety and security of our homeland; and

22 WHEREAS, The impact and aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has
23 once again shown the unity and indomitable spirit of America;
24 when there is tragedy and need, Americans join together to
25 provide the relief and support which are cornerstones of our
26 nation; and

27 WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina has reinforced the need for every
28 Pennsylvanian to get involved and to take steps so they can be
29 prepared to help themselves, their families and their
30 communities; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe the month of September 2005
2 as "National Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania and urge the
3 residents of this Commonwealth to take advantage of nationwide
4 and Statewide initiatives which show individuals how to create
5 emergency kits, make a family emergency plan, become informed
6 about different threats and get involved in preparing their
7 communities for emergencies.