

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 44 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY ROBBINS, EICHELBERGER, BLAKE, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, COSTA, BAKER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EARLL, FERLO, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, MENSCH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, WARD, D. WHITE AND YAW, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 10 through 16, 2011, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 15, 2011, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
5 and the bedrock of our political system; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 12 million Pennsylvania residents rely on
7 the services and facilities provided by local government,
8 ranging from the special purpose functions of counties, school
9 districts and municipal authorities in the areas of judicial
10 administration, social welfare, education and provision of water
11 and sewer services, to the more general purpose functions of
12 cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such as maintenance of
13 roads and streets, police and fire protection and enforcement of
14 ordinances and land use controls; and

15 WHEREAS, This rich tapestry of local government is
16 represented by the Commonwealth's 67 counties, 56 cities, 958
17 boroughs, 93 first class townships, 1,454 second class

1 townships, one town, 501 school districts and 1,539 active local
2 authorities and the thousands of hardworking citizen officials,
3 many of whom serve without reward, who staff these local
4 governments; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's residents rely upon the dedication of
6 these local officials in meeting many of the residents' most
7 fundamental needs in nearly all facets of daily living; and

8 WHEREAS, The success of our local officials is a key element
9 in the overall quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Our local governments are a testimony to liberty,
11 freedom and the right to elected self-government; and

12 WHEREAS, It is only fitting that each year in Pennsylvania
13 one week is set aside as "Local Government Week" and one day as
14 "Local Government Day"; and

15 WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" and "Local Government Day"
16 focus attention on the need for strong, independent and active
17 local government in this Commonwealth and recognize the valuable
18 contributions made by residents serving their communities in
19 public office; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 10
21 through 16, 2011, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2011,
22 as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend and thank the
24 Commonwealth's local officials for their labor as the unsung
25 heroes of government.