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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 15, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2017 as "Emergency
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, the President of the United States
4 proclaims September as "National Emergency Preparedness Month"
5 to stress the importance of strengthening the security and
6 resiliency of the nation through systematic preparation for the
7 full range of hazards threatening the United States, including
8 natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic disease and acts of
9 terrorism; and

10 WHEREAS, During "Emergency Preparedness Month," residents and
11 the townships, boroughs, cities and counties in which they live
12 are encouraged to take time to ensure they are prepared for any
13 disaster, natural or manmade; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, in communities large and small, victims

1 of disasters and emergencies in this Commonwealth and across the
2 United States turn to neighbors, familiar and new, for help
3 through emergency services including: the American Red Cross,
4 the Salvation Army, local fire departments, police departments,
5 ambulance and paramedic services, military bases, hospitals,
6 urban search and rescue units, wilderness search and rescue
7 groups, canine rescue units, dive teams, county 911 coordinators
8 and staff, county hazardous materials teams, local emergency
9 management coordinators and staff, county emergency management
10 coordinators and staff, medevac agencies, the Pennsylvania State
11 Police, Civil Air Patrols, ham radio operators, National Guard
12 personnel, local fire police and many other paid staff and
13 volunteers with various governmental and nonprofit agencies and
14 other groups; and

15 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the
16 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency encourage individuals
17 to have emergency preparedness kits on hand should disaster
18 strike and provide information through their websites,
19 www.ready.gov and www.readypa.org, to educate residents on how
20 to prepare for emergencies and disasters; and

21 WHEREAS, Designating the month of September 2017 as
22 "Emergency Preparedness Month" can help empower Commonwealth
23 residents by providing information about the risks all residents
24 can face and the concrete actions they can take to protect
25 themselves, their families, their communities, this Commonwealth
26 and our country; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 month of September 2017 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in
29 Pennsylvania and extend its thanks to the staff and volunteers
30 who serve this Commonwealth and our nation through emergency

1 preparedness efforts to assist and protect residents during any
2 and all emergencies and disasters, natural or manmade; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
5 residents to observe September as "Emergency Preparedness Month"
6 in Pennsylvania and inform themselves by visiting the
7 www.ready.gov and www.readypa.org websites and through other
8 resources on how they can become fully prepared for any and all
9 emergencies.