

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DILLON, FARRY, ROTHMAN, SAVAL, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, KANE, PENNYCUICK, MARTIN, COMMITTA, ARGALL, LAUGHLIN, COSTA AND FLYNN, JUNE 20, 2023

SENATOR MASTRIANO, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, JUNE 26, 2023

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on June 12,
2 2023, in response to the collapse of the northbound bridge
3 and severe compromise of the southbound bridge on Interstate
4 95 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County.

5 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2023, the Governor issued a proclamation
6 declaring a disaster emergency in response to the collapse of
7 the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound
8 bridge on Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia,
9 Philadelphia County; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2023, a tanker truck fire erupted
11 underneath a northbound and southbound bridge on Interstate 95
12 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; and

13 WHEREAS, The fire led to the collapse of the northbound
14 bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge; and

15 WHEREAS, The subsequent closing of the northbound and
16 southbound lanes of Interstate 95 has created serious disruption
17 to transportation and commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to the economic impacts, there is

1 concern for the public safety and well-being of individuals in
2 the vicinity of the incident; and

3 WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia and surrounding political
4 subdivisions continue to experience adverse impacts, including
5 ongoing traffic disruption in and around the scene of the
6 incident; and

7 WHEREAS, These adverse impacts are of such magnitude or
8 severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's
9 supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources
10 and the activation of all applicable State, county and municipal
11 emergency response plans; and

12 WHEREAS, It is necessary to take immediate steps to provide
13 for the reopening of the northbound and southbound lanes on
14 Interstate 95 and to repair or reconstruct the bridges; and

15 WHEREAS, Recovery AND REBUILDING efforts in response to the <--
16 damage caused by the incident remain ongoing; and

17 WHEREAS, Extending the disaster declaration will ensure that
18 the Department of Transportation is eligible to receive
19 emergency relief funding from the Federal Government to assist
20 the ~~City of Philadelphia~~ COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; therefore <--
21 be it

22 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
23 General Assembly, in accordance with section 20(c) of Article IV
24 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, extend in whole until ~~June~~ <--
25 ~~12, 2024,~~ NOVEMBER 1, 2023, the disaster emergency declared on <--
26 June 12, 2023, in response to the collapse of the northbound
27 bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge on
28 Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County,
29 except as terminated or extended, in whole or in part, by the
30 General Assembly; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this concurrent resolution
2 by both chambers of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the
3 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be
4 directed to notify the Governor of the General Assembly's
5 action; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief
7 Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to transmit
8 this concurrent resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau
9 for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
10 Bulletin as specified under 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4).