

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2013 as "Emergency  
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, disaster strikes communities across the  
4 world, causing individuals to flee their homes, often with very  
5 little advance warning; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of Americans are displaced by disasters  
7 every year, many of them elderly and infirm; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, the President proclaims September as  
9 "National Emergency Preparedness Month" to stress the importance  
10 of strengthening the security and resiliency of the nation  
11 through systematic preparation for the full range of hazards  
12 threatening the United States in the 21st century, including  
13 natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic disease and acts of  
14 terrorism; and

15 WHEREAS, Each year, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its  
16 communities participate and observe September as Emergency  
17 Preparedness Month in Pennsylvania to ensure that residents and

1 the townships, boroughs, cities and counties in which they live  
2 take the steps necessary to be ready for any disaster, natural  
3 or manmade; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year, in communities large and small, victims  
5 of disasters and emergencies in Pennsylvania and across the  
6 United States turn to neighbors, familiar and new, for help  
7 through the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, local fire  
8 departments, police departments, ambulance and paramedic  
9 services, military bases, hospitals, urban search and rescue  
10 units, wilderness search and rescue groups, canine rescue units,  
11 dive teams, county 911 coordinators and staff, county hazardous  
12 material teams, local emergency management coordinators and  
13 staff, county emergency management coordinators and staff,  
14 Medevac agencies, State Police troops, Civil Air Patrols, ham  
15 radio operators, National Guard personnel, local fire police and  
16 many other paid staff and volunteers with various governmental,  
17 nonprofit agencies and other groups; and

18 WHEREAS, Disasters come in many forms, from natural disasters  
19 like hurricanes, tornadoes or even manmade attacks like those of  
20 13 years ago that occurred on September 11, 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages  
22 individuals to have emergency preparedness kits on hand should  
23 disaster strike and provides information through its website, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov),  
24 to educate residents on how to prepare for  
25 emergencies and disasters; and

26 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency does  
27 its part to also assist Commonwealth residents in becoming well-  
28 prepared for any disaster or emergency through its website,  
29 [www.readypa.org](http://www.readypa.org); and

30 WHEREAS, Designating September as Emergency Preparedness

1 Month in Pennsylvania can help empower Commonwealth residents by  
2 providing information about the risks all residents can face and  
3 the concrete actions they can take to protect themselves, their  
4 families, their communities, their Commonwealth and their  
5 country; therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
7 month of September 2013 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in  
8 Pennsylvania and extend its thanks to the many paid staff and  
9 volunteers who serve this Commonwealth and our nation through  
10 emergency preparedness efforts to assist and protect residents  
11 during any and all emergencies and disasters, natural or  
12 manmade; and be it further

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
14 residents to observe September as "Emergency Preparedness Month"  
15 in Pennsylvania and inform themselves by visiting the  
16 [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.readypa.org](http://www.readypa.org) websites and through other  
17 resources on how they can become fully prepared for any and all  
18 emergencies.

