

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION****No.****Session of  
2014**

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**INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, \_\_\_\_\_**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Designating the week of April 14 through 18, 2014, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2012, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is served by an interconnected system of 67 counties, 56 cities, 958 boroughs, 92 first class townships, 1,454 second class townships, one town, 500 school districts and more than 1,500 active municipal authorities; and

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

WHEREAS, Local government comprises thousands of hardworking citizen officials, many of whom serve without reward, who hold these local government offices; and

WHEREAS, Local government also comprises thousands of dedicated staff members who carry out the directives of the local elected officials and who are supplemented by thousands of tireless volunteers who serve on various local boards and commissions; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the week of April 14 through 18, 2014, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2014, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and thank the Commonwealth's local officials for their labor as the unsung heroes of government.