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TO: All Democratic and Republican House Members
FROM: Representative Stephen Kinsey and Representative Maria P. Donatucci
RE: Resolution Declaring September 2015 "Emergency Preparedness Month"
DATE: August 25, 2015

In the near future, I will introducing a resolution declaring September 2015 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Each year, the President of the United States proclaims of the month of September as "National Emergency Preparedness Month" to stress the importance of strengthening the security and resiliency of our Nation through systemic preparation for the full range of hazards that threaten the United States in the twenty-first century, including national disasters, cyber-attacks, pandemic diseases, and acts of terrorism.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) website (www.ready.gov), this year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." Citizens are being asked to take action now – to make a plan with one's community, one's family and for one's pets. . This small amount of planning will go far to mitigate any unnecessary confusion during times of crisis. Every American is also being asked to participate in a national day of action which culminates National Preparedness Month on September 30th.

My resolution urges Pennsylvania residents to observe "Emergency Preparedness Month" by encouraging them to visit the FEMA and PEMA websites, and to utilize education resources to learn how they can become prepared for emergencies.

I hope you will join us in co-sponsoring this important resolution.