

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2018 as "Fire Prevention Month"
2 and recognizing the week of October 7 through 13, 2018, as
3 "National Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Fires are a serious safety concern both nationally
5 and locally; and

6 WHEREAS, People face the greatest risk of fire in their
7 homes; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the National Fire Protection
9 Association (NFPA), more than 1.3 million fires were reported by
10 fire departments in 2016, resulting in approximately 3,390
11 civilian deaths, the highest number of fatalities since 2008;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In a fire, seconds can mean the difference between
14 escaping safely or having lives end in tragedy; and

15 WHEREAS, It is critical for everyone to have an escape plan
16 that includes two exits from each room and a path outside from
17 each exit; and

18 WHEREAS, The NFPA picked the theme "Look. Listen. Learn. Be

1 aware. Fire can happen anywhere," for the 2018 "National Fire
2 Prevention Week" to educate people about basic but essential
3 ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire; and

4 WHEREAS, Promotion of the theme provides an ideal opportunity
5 to educate the public of the danger fires pose in homes
6 throughout our communities; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's first responders exhibit great
8 dedication to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home
9 fire injuries through prevention and protection education and
10 through their quick response to emergencies; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
12 month of October 2018 as "Fire Prevention Month" and recognize
13 the week of October 7 through 13, 2018, as "National Fire
14 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
16 residents, landlords, businesses and other property owners to
17 protect their homes, businesses and property by heeding the
18 important safety messages of "National Fire Prevention Week"
19 which can be found on the NPFA publicly accessible Internet
20 website; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend all
22 firefighters, other first responders and those who provide
23 support for their efforts to prevent, fight and stop fires.