

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2019 as "Fire Prevention Month"
2 and recognizing the week of October 6 through 12, 2019, 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 2017, resulting in approximately 3,400
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 has chosen "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape.

1 Plan and Practice Your Escape" for the 2019 "National Fire
2 Prevention Week" theme to educate people about small but
3 important actions they can take to keep themselves and others
4 safe; and

5 WHEREAS, Promoting this theme provides an ideal opportunity
6 to educate the public of the danger fire poses in homes
7 throughout our communities; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 month of October 2019 as "Fire Prevention Month" and recognize
14 the week of October 6 through 12, 2019, as "National Fire
15 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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

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