

## 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.