
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the citizens of this Commonwealth to exercise a new level
2 of awareness as our country prepares for the threat of
3 biological terrorism.

4 WHEREAS, Bioterrorism is the deliberate release of pathogenic
5 microorganisms, including bacteria, viruses, fungi and toxins,
6 into a community; and

7 WHEREAS, The most likely diseases associated with
8 bioterrorism include smallpox, anthrax, botulism, plague and
9 tularemia; and

10 WHEREAS, Bioterrorism poses a significant threat to the
11 safety and security of all citizens of this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, The recent terrorist attacks on the United States
13 have increased public discussion and concern about the
14 possibility of bioterrorism and our readiness to handle an
15 attack; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the citizens

1 of this Commonwealth to exercise a new level of awareness of the
2 risks associated with a bioterrorist attack; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the citizens of this Commonwealth, while
4 maintaining an appropriate level of awareness, recognize that
5 our State's public health system is poised to quickly detect,
6 investigate and prevent unusual clusters of illnesses that may
7 suggest a bioterrorist attack; and be it further
8 RESOLVED, That as we go through these uncertain times, we do
9 not allow ourselves to fall victim to acts of hatred against any
10 Americans, including Arab Americans, American Muslims and
11 Americans from South Asia.