## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 106 smimi

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

## A RESOLUTION

Recognizing October 15, 2001, as "Emergency Services Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, major catastrophic events occurred in New York City and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Another tragedy occurred in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, where a hijacked airplane crashed, causing a significant loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-eight teams from the Pennsylvania Urban Search and Rescue Task Force have traveled to New York to assist rescue efforts; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 7,500 volunteer firefighters and health care professionals from this Commonwealth have offered their time, talents and expertise, and 4,800 Pennsylvania firefighters have been registered to be called upon for further assistance at the catastrophe sites; and

WHEREAS, Also ready to assist rescue efforts are teams from 184 Pennsylvania emergency service organizations; and

WHEREAS, There are 2, 400 volunteer fire companies protecting this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Every day communities of this Commonwealth rely on 65,000 volunteer firefighters to protect our homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Every day firefighters and emergency services personnel risk their lives and well-being to ensure the safety of our friends, families and loved ones; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 15, 2001, as "Emergency Services Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage Pennsylvanians to recognize the readiness and service of these courageous men and women.

