

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1033 Session of  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED,  
OCTOBER 17, 2007

## AN ACT

1 Designating September 11 of each year as "Pennsylvania Emergency  
2 Responders' Day."

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. September 11 designation.

6 September 11 of each year shall be known as "Pennsylvania  
7 Emergency Responders' Day."

8 Section 2. Purpose.

9 This day shall be set apart as a day of gratitude to and  
10 profound respect for all past and present firefighters, public  
11 safety providers, ~~ambulance drivers, emergency medical~~ <—  
12 ~~technicians~~, DRIVERS OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL <—

1 SERVICE PREHOSPITAL PROVIDERS, emergency dispatchers, first  
2 response teams, police officers and all who serve in this  
3 Commonwealth as emergency and disaster responders. This day  
4 shall affirm that these heroes help our citizens every day in  
5 extraordinary ways.

6 Section 3. Observance of day.

7 This day shall be observed by citizens and political  
8 subdivisions by:

9 (1) Devoting some part of the day to the recognition of  
10 all local public safety personnel.

11 (2) Making an effort to emphasize the duty of citizens  
12 to cooperate with and acknowledge the efforts of public  
13 safety personnel.

14 (3) Observing a moment of silence in recognition of the  
15 events of September 11, 2001, for those who lost their lives  
16 that day and for all who have lost their lives in the  
17 selfless effort of making Pennsylvania safer for all.

18 Section 4. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.