
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 253 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY REGOLA, ROBBINS, FERLO, BRUBAKER, DINNIMAN,
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O'PAKE, ORIE, PIPPY, RHOADES, STACK, STOUT, TOMLINSON,
WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, WONDERLING, WOZNIAK AND EARLL,
MARCH 13, 2008

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 13, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 14 through 18, 2008, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 15, 2008, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
5 and the bedrock of our political system; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 12 million Pennsylvania residents rely on
7 the services and facilities provided by local government,
8 ranging from the special purpose functions of counties, school
9 districts and municipal authorities in the areas of judicial
10 administration, social welfare, education and provision of water
11 and sewer services, to the more general purpose functions of
12 cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such as maintenance of
13 roads and streets, police and fire protection and enforcement of
14 ordinances and land use controls; and

15 WHEREAS, This rich tapestry of local government is
16 represented by the Commonwealth's 67 counties, 56 cities, 961

1 boroughs, 91 first class townships, 1,456 second class
2 townships, one town, 501 school districts and 1,534 active local
3 authorities and the thousands of hardworking citizen officials,
4 many of whom serve without reward, who staff these local
5 governments; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's residents rely upon the dedication of
7 these local officials in meeting many of the residents' most
8 fundamental needs in nearly all facets of daily living; and

9 WHEREAS, The success of our local officials is a key element
10 in the overall quality of life; and

11 WHEREAS, Our local governments are a testimony to liberty,
12 freedom and the right to elected self-government; and

13 WHEREAS, Each year in Pennsylvania one week is set aside as
14 "Local Government Week"; and

15 WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" focuses attention on the
16 need for strong, independent and active local government in this
17 Commonwealth and recognizes the valuable contributions made by
18 residents serving their communities in public office; and

19 WHEREAS, Each year the Governor's Award for Local Government
20 Excellence is presented to municipalities recognizing the
21 creativity and accomplishments of local governments and
22 officials that continuously work to improve their communities
23 and meet the many challenges facing them; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 14
25 through 18, 2008, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2008,
26 as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend and thank the
28 Commonwealth's local officials for their labor as the unsung
29 heroes of government.