

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 947 Session of
2010

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SWANGER, TRUE, VEREB, WATSON, WHITE AND GINGRICH,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 26, 2010, as "Animal Disaster
2 Preparedness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, All families are at risk of either natural or
4 manmade disasters at any time; and

5 WHEREAS, Families across this Commonwealth face possible
6 evacuation and displacement due to natural and manmade
7 disasters, such as floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires,
8 nuclear incidents and chemical spills; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 72% of American households have companion
10 animals; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the fifth largest agricultural state
12 in the nation and is home to more than 3,000,000 livestock
13 animals and more than 38,000,000 poultry; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite the high priority animals have in our daily

1 lives and livelihoods, many animals are injured or killed during
2 disasters simply because they were overlooked during the
3 disaster planning process that each family and community
4 undertakes; and

5 WHEREAS, When disasters or emergencies strike in this
6 Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team,
7 through its network of volunteer County Animal Response Teams,
8 may be activated by government emergency management agencies to
9 work with local shelters and rescues and with national animal,
10 veterinary and disaster organizations to rescue and care for
11 animals; and

12 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States acknowledged the
13 importance of the human-animal bond and animal disaster
14 preparedness planning by passing into law the Pets Evacuation
15 and Transportation Standards Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-308,
16 120 Stat. 1725); and

17 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives echoes the concern of
18 Congress and, additionally, recognizes the importance of
19 disaster preparedness for all animals, including companion,
20 livestock and poultry species; and

21 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives calls upon all
22 citizens of this Commonwealth to take necessary actions to
23 ensure that all animals in their care are properly accounted for
24 in disaster planning; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
26 week of September 26, 2010, through October 2, 2010, as "Animal
27 Disaster Preparedness Week" in dedication to the animals left
28 behind in one of this country's largest natural disasters,
29 Hurricane Katrina.