

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2011 as "Emergency
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, disaster strikes communities across the
4 world, causing individuals to flee their homes, often with very
5 little advance warning; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of Americans are displaced by disasters
7 every year, many of them elderly and infirm; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, the President proclaims September as
9 "National Emergency Preparedness Month" to stress the importance
10 of strengthening the security and resiliency of the nation
11 through systematic preparation for the full range of hazards
12 threatening the United States in the 21st century, including
13 natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic disease and acts of
14 terrorism; and

15 WHEREAS, Each year, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its

1 communities participate and observe September as Emergency
2 Preparedness Month in Pennsylvania to ensure that residents and
3 the townships, boroughs, cities and counties in which they live
4 take the steps necessary to be ready for any disaster, natural
5 or manmade; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, in communities large and small, victims
7 of disasters and emergencies in Pennsylvania and across the
8 United States turn to neighbors, familiar and new, for help
9 through the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, local fire
10 departments, police departments, ambulance and paramedic
11 services, military bases, hospitals, urban search and rescue
12 units, wilderness search and rescue groups, canine rescue units,
13 dive teams, county 911 coordinators and staff, county hazardous
14 material teams, local emergency management coordinators and
15 staff, county emergency management coordinators and staff,
16 Medevac agencies, State Police troops, Civil Air patrols, ham
17 radio operators, National Guard personnel, local fire police and
18 many other paid staff and volunteers with various governmental,
19 nonprofit agencies and other groups; and

20 WHEREAS, Disasters come in many forms, from natural disasters
21 like hurricanes, tornadoes or even manmade attacks like those of
22 ten years ago that occurred on September 11, 2001; and

23 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages
24 individuals to have emergency preparedness kits on hand should
25 disaster strike and provides information through its website,
26 www.ready.gov, to educate residents on how to prepare for
27 emergencies and disasters; and

28 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency does
29 its part to also assist Commonwealth residents in becoming well-
30 prepared for any disaster or emergency through its website,

1 www.readypa.org; and

2 WHEREAS, Designating September as Emergency Preparedness
3 Month in Pennsylvania can help empower Commonwealth residents by
4 providing information about the risks all residents can face and
5 the concrete actions they can take to protect themselves, their
6 families, their communities, their Commonwealth and their
7 country; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 month of September 2011 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in
10 Pennsylvania and extend its thanks to the many paid staff and
11 volunteers who serve this Commonwealth and our nation through
12 emergency preparedness efforts to assist and protect residents
13 during any and all emergencies and disasters, natural and
14 manmade; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all residents
16 to observe September as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in
17 Pennsylvania and inform themselves by visiting the www.ready.gov
18 and www.readypa.org websites and through other resources on how
19 they can become fully prepared for any and all emergencies.