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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 647 Session of  
2012

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INTRODUCED BY CREIGHTON, FREEMAN, ROSS, THOMAS, DAVIS, AUMENT,  
BAKER, BROOKS, CUTLER, DeLUCA, EVERETT, FLECK, FRANKEL,  
GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE,  
HARHAI, HARPER, HARRIS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL,  
HORNAMAN, KILLION, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN,  
MARSICO, MILLARD, MILLER, MUSTIO, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, ROCK,  
SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, SCHRODER, SONNEY, STEVENSON, SWANGER,  
TALLMAN, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, KNOWLES, FARRY AND  
CLYMER, MARCH 29, 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH  
29, 2012

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 15 through 21, 2012, as "Local  
2 Government Week" and April 17, 2012, as "Local Government  
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is served by an interconnected  
5 system of 67 counties, 56 cities, 958 boroughs, 91 first class  
6 townships, 1,454 second class townships, one town, 500 school  
7 districts and more than 1,500 active municipal authorities; and

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

1 roads and streets, police and fire protection and enforcement of  
2 ordinances and land use controls; and

3 WHEREAS, Local government comprises thousands of hardworking  
4 citizen officials, many of whom serve without reward, who hold  
5 these local government offices; and

6 WHEREAS, Local government also comprises thousands of  
7 dedicated staff members who carry out the directives of the  
8 local elected officials and who are supplemented by thousands of  
9 tireless volunteers who serve on various local boards and  
10 commissions; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy  
15 and the bedrock of our political system; and

16 WHEREAS, The success of our local officials is a key element  
17 in the overall quality of life in this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, It is only fitting that each year in Pennsylvania  
19 one week is set aside as "Local Government Week" and one day as  
20 "Local Government Day"; and

21 WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" and "Local Government Day"  
22 focus attention on the need for strong, independent and active  
23 local government in this Commonwealth and recognize the valuable  
24 contributions made by residents serving their communities;  
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
27 week of April 15 through 21, 2012, as "Local Government Week"  
28 and April 17, 2011, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania;  
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and thank

1 the Commonwealth's local officials for their labor as the unsung  
2 heroes of government.