

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Each year, disaster emergencies strike communities
4 across the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Recovery when a disaster strikes is a collective
6 action involving the survivors, the community, government,
7 nongovernmental agencies and private industry; and

8 WHEREAS, Emergencies come in many forms, from natural
9 disasters like Hurricanes Agnes, Katrina and Irene to man-made
10 disasters such as the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, This September 11, 2011, marks the 10th anniversary
12 of the terrorist attacks of 9-11, which brought death and
13 destruction to New York City, Washington, DC and this
14 Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93
16 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after a heroic attempt

1 by passengers to regain control of the hijacked flight; and

2 WHEREAS, In September 2011, the Department of Homeland
3 Security is sponsoring National Preparedness Month to encourage
4 Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in
5 their homes, businesses, communities, places of worship and
6 schools; and

7 WHEREAS, The purpose of National Preparedness Month is to
8 raise the awareness of the necessity for reducing our
9 vulnerability to hazards and responding to disasters; and

10 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to helping all of its
11 residents, communities and businesses prepare for, respond to
12 and recover from emergencies; and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has made it a special priority to
14 have emergency preparedness planning for those with special
15 needs, including children, older Pennsylvanians, people with
16 disabilities and owners of pets and livestock; and

17 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has an ongoing ReadyPA campaign to
18 raise the awareness of its residents regarding emergencies and
19 to help Pennsylvanians prepare for an emergency; and

20 WHEREAS, The ReadyPA Internet website is www.readypa.org; and

21 WHEREAS, One goal of ReadyPA is to encourage Pennsylvanians
22 to "Be Informed" by learning what type of emergencies may occur
23 and what to do during the first 72 hours after an emergency
24 strikes; and

25 WHEREAS, A second goal of ReadyPA is to encourage
26 Pennsylvanians to "Be Prepared" by having an emergency plan and
27 an emergency supply kit for themselves, their families and their
28 businesses; and

29 WHEREAS, A third goal of ReadyPA is to encourage
30 Pennsylvanians to "Be Involved" by volunteering their time and

1 services to help others prepare for, respond to and recover from
2 emergencies, including volunteering through Citizen Corps and
3 SERVPA (www.serv.pa.gov); and

4 WHEREAS, Being prepared for emergencies has saved the lives
5 of countless people in every kind of disaster; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED That the Senate designate the month of September
7 2011 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.