

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2013 as "Pennsylvania Fire  
 2 Prevention Month," observing the week of October 6 through  
 3 12, 2013, as "National Fire Prevention Week," urging all  
 4 Pennsylvanians to protect their homes and families by heeding  
 5 the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2013,  
 6 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts  
 7 of Pennsylvania's fire and emergency services and recognizing  
 8 the efforts of all firefighters, fire service agencies and  
 9 other first responders in preventing and combating fire  
 10 dangers.

11 WHEREAS, Fires exist as a serious safety concern, both  
 12 locally and nationally; and

13 WHEREAS, People face the greatest risk of fire in their  
 14 homes; and

15 WHEREAS, Each year, between 2,000 and 3,000 people die in  
 16 house fires in the United States, according to the National Fire

1 Protection Association (NFPA), with fire departments in the  
2 United States responding yearly to more than 370,000 home fires;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania firefighters and other first responders  
5 have dedicated their services to prevent the damage,  
6 destruction, pain and trauma that fires cause families and  
7 communities through efforts to educate everyone on how to  
8 prevent fires and what protections to follow when one does  
9 strike; and

10 WHEREAS, The NFPA picked the theme "Prevent Kitchen Fires"  
11 for the 2013 National Fire Prevention Week to educate people  
12 about the danger of cooking fires and how to prevent them; and

13 WHEREAS, Promotion of the theme provides an ideal opportunity  
14 to educate the public of the danger fires pose in homes and  
15 throughout our communities; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the NFPA, cooking equipment is the  
17 leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries  
18 and the third leading cause of home fire deaths; and

19 WHEREAS, Heating and electrical equipment and smoking  
20 materials are among the leading causes of all reported home  
21 fires; and

22 WHEREAS, Home candle fires reportedly cause a house fire in  
23 the United States every 30 minutes; and

24 WHEREAS, The risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by  
25 smoking materials rises with age; and

26 WHEREAS, Working smoke alarms and automatic fire sprinkler  
27 systems can reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by 80%,  
28 according to the NFPA; and

29 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's first responders exhibit great  
30 dedication to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home

1 fire injuries through prevention and protection education and  
2 through their quick response to emergencies; and

3 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth have shown  
4 responsiveness to public education measures and have in the past  
5 taken personal steps to increase their safety from fire,  
6 especially in their homes; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
8 month of October 2013 as "Pennsylvania Fire Prevention Month"  
9 and observe the week of October 6 through 12, 2013, as "National  
10 Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania with the theme for each  
11 being "Prevent Kitchen Fires"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend all  
13 firefighters, other first responders and those who provide  
14 support to them for all their efforts to prevent, fight and stop  
15 fires; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
17 residents, landlords, businesses and other property owners to  
18 protect their homes, businesses and property by heeding the  
19 important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2013, which  
20 can be found on the "safety information" link on the NFPA  
21 Internet website and to support the many public safety  
22 activities and efforts of Pennsylvania's fire and emergency  
23 services.