

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROEBUCK, MAHONEY, WHITE, TOBASH, BROWNLEE, KULA AND GINGRICH,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2014 as "Pennsylvania Fire
2 Prevention Month," observing the week of October 5 through
3 11, 2014, 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 2014
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 procedures to follow when one does
9 strike; and

10 WHEREAS, The NFPA picked the theme "Working Smoke Alarms Save
11 Lives: Test Yours Every Month" for the 2014 National Fire
12 Prevention Week to educate people about the importance of
13 working smoke alarms; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Almost three out of every five reported home fire
18 deaths from 2007 to 2011 occurred in homes without smoke alarms
19 or had no operational smoke alarms; and

20 WHEREAS, Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in
21 reported home fires in half; and

22 WHEREAS, Smoke alarm failures occur most often due to
23 missing, disconnected or dead batteries; and

24 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's first responders exhibit great
25 dedication to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home
26 fire injuries through prevention and protection education and
27 through their quick response to emergencies; and

28 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth have shown
29 responsiveness to public education measures and have in the past
30 taken personal steps to increase their safety from fire,

1 especially in their homes; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
3 month of October 2014 as "Pennsylvania Fire Prevention Month"
4 and observe the week of October 5 through 11, 2014, as "National
5 Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania with the theme for each
6 being "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month";
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend all
9 firefighters, other first responders and those who provide
10 support to them for all their efforts to prevent, fight and stop
11 fires; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
13 residents, landlords, businesses and other property owners to
14 protect their homes, businesses and property by heeding the
15 important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2014, which
16 can be found on the NFPA Internet website and to support the
17 many public safety activities and efforts of Pennsylvania's fire
18 and emergency services.