
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 14 through 19, 2014, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 15, 2014, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
5 and the bedrock of our political system; and

6 WHEREAS, Every one of Pennsylvania's 12.7 million residents
7 rely on the services and facilities provided by local
8 government, ranging from the special purpose functions of
9 counties, school districts and municipal authorities in the
10 areas of judicial administration, social welfare, education and
11 provision of water and sewer services, to the more general
12 purpose functions of cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such
13 as maintenance of roads and streets, police and fire protection
14 and enforcement of ordinances and land use controls; and

15 WHEREAS, This rich tapestry of local government is
16 represented by the Commonwealth's 67 counties, 56 cities, 958
17 boroughs, 93 first class townships, 1,454 second class

1 townships, one town, 500 school districts and 1,539 active local
2 authorities and the thousands of hardworking citizen officials,
3 many of whom serve without reward, who staff these local
4 governments; and

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

8 WHEREAS, The success of our local officials is a key element
9 in the overall quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Our local governments are a testimony to liberty,
11 freedom and the right to elected self-government; and

12 WHEREAS, It is only fitting that each year in Pennsylvania
13 one week is set aside as Local Government Week and one day as
14 Local Government Day; and

15 WHEREAS, Local Government Week and Local Government Day focus
16 attention on the need for strong, independent and active local
17 government in this Commonwealth and recognize the valuable
18 contributions made by residents serving their communities in
19 public office; and

20 WHEREAS, Each April, the Department of Community and Economic
21 Development presents the Governor's Award for Local Government
22 Excellence to exceptional local government officials whose
23 efforts have resulted in improved service delivery and whose
24 achievements serve as a model for local governance; therefore be
25 it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 14
27 through 19, 2014, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2014,
28 as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend and thank the
30 Commonwealth's local officials for their labor as the unsung

1 heroes of government.