
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 95 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HARPER, FREEMAN, FARINA, GREINER, JAMES, KAVULICH, KIM, WHEELAND, ZIMMERMAN, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BOBACK, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, M. DALEY, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DUSH, GABLER, GILLEN, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HAHN, HANNA, HARHART, A. HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, KINSEY, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MAJOR, MARSICO, McCARTER, MENTZER, MURT, O'NEILL, C. PARKER, PASHINSKI, RAPP, READSHAW, ROSS, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, TALLMAN, THOMAS, VITALI AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 13 through 17, 2015, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 15, 2015, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Local government in Pennsylvania is a mosaic of more
5 than 4,500 individual units with 67 counties, more than 50
6 cities, nearly 1,500 townships of the second class, nearly 100
7 townships of the first class, more than 950 boroughs, one
8 incorporated town, 500 school districts and more than 1,500
9 authorities; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 12,000,000 Pennsylvania residents rely on
11 the services and facilities provided by local government,
12 ranging from the special purpose functions of counties, school
13 districts and municipal authorities in the areas of judicial
14 administration, social welfare, education and provision of water

1 and sewer services to the more general purpose functions of
2 cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such as maintenance of
3 roads and streets, police and fire protection and enforcement of
4 ordinances and land use controls; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
17 and the bedrock of our political system; and

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

20 WHEREAS, It is fitting that each year in Pennsylvania one
21 week is set aside as Local Government Week and one day as Local
22 Government Day; and

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

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
29 week of April 13 through 17, 2015, as "Local Government Week"
30 and April 15, 2015, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and thank
3 the local officials of this Commonwealth for their labor as the
4 unsung heroes of government.