
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of October 9 through 15, 2016, as "Fire
2 Prevention Week 2016" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association announced
4 the theme of "Fire Prevention Week 2016" to be "Don't Wait:
5 Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years"; and

6 WHEREAS, "Fire Prevention Week" occurs annually during the
7 week in which October 9 falls, commemorating the Great Chicago
8 Fire of 1871; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first
10 "National Fire Prevention Day" proclamation; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the National Archives and Records
12 Administration's Library Information Center, "Fire Prevention
13 Week" is the longest-running public health and safety observance
14 on record; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association works in
16 coordination with partnering companies, organizations and fire
17 departments to promote "Fire Prevention Week" and its fire

1 safety messages throughout North America; and

2 WHEREAS, According to national statistics, having a working
3 smoke alarm in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire
4 by half; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately three out of five home-fire deaths
6 resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In one-quarter of the home-fire deaths, smoke alarms
9 were present but did not operate; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 3,200 people died in fires during 2013,
11 with most of those deaths caused by home fires; and

12 WHEREAS, The vast majority of home-fire deaths are
13 preventable, and having a working smoke alarm is essential in
14 helping to reduce those numbers; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe the week of October 9
16 through 15, 2016, as "Fire Prevention Week 2016" in
17 Pennsylvania.