
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 186 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY HARPER, FREEMAN, JAMES, READSHAW, WARREN, GREINER, IRVIN, WHEELAND, HILL-EVANS, ZIMMERMAN, B. MILLER, McNEILL, MURT, TOOHL, BAKER, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, BURNS, HENNESSEY, DRISCOLL, DUSH, SONNEY, STAATS, WATSON, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DiGIROLAMO, O'NEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, V. BROWN, R. BROWN, WARD, DAVIS, MENTZER, CALTAGIRONE, PICKETT, RYAN, TOEPEL, NEILSON, SAYLOR, SCHWEYER, D. COSTA, GROVE, MARSICO AND GILLEN, MARCH 27, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 27, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 10 through 14, 2017, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 12, 2017, 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 12.5 million residents of this
11 Commonwealth rely on the services and facilities provided by
12 local government, ranging from the special purpose functions of
13 counties, school districts and municipal authorities in the
14 areas of judicial administration, social welfare, education and
15 provision of water and sewer services to the more general

1 purpose functions of cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such
2 as maintenance of roads and streets, police and fire protection
3 and enforcement of ordinances and land use controls; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth rely upon the
13 dedication of their local officials in meeting many of the
14 residents' most fundamental needs in nearly all facets of daily
15 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
22 "Local Government Day"; and

23 WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" and "Local Government Day"
24 focus attention on the need for strong, independent and active
25 local 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 10 through 14, 2017, as "Local Government Week"
30 and April 12, 2017, 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.