

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 791 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY HARPER, FREEMAN, WATSON, JAMES, BARBIN, BARRAR, BRADFORD, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, SCHLEGEL CULVER, A. DAVIS, DEAN, DIGIROLAMO, DOWLING, DUSH, EVERETT, GROVE, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, HILL-EVANS, KAVULICH, LONGIETTI, MARSICO, MEHAFFIE, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MURT, NEILSON, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, READSHAW, RYAN, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, STAATS, TOEPEL, TOOHIL, VITALI, WARD AND WARREN, APRIL 3, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 3, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 9 through 13, 2018, as "Local  
2 Government Week" and April 11, 2018, 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, more than 500 school districts and more than  
9 1,500 municipal authorities; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 12 million residents of this Commonwealth  
11 rely on the services and facilities provided by local  
12 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 hold local government offices  
6 and serve without reward; 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 9 through 13, 2018, as "Local Government Week" and  
30 April 11, 2018, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and

1 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.