
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 1, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Calling upon the Federal Government to prioritize and consider
2 the need for resilient infrastructure to reduce risks and
3 meet the country's economic, environmental and social needs.

4 WHEREAS, Our nation's infrastructure faces increasing
5 vulnerability due to the impacts of severe weather, rising
6 population and changing land-use patterns; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 2000, flood-related disasters have caused more
8 than \$750 billion in losses around the country; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's numerous rivers and creeks make it
10 one of the most flood-prone states in the nation. Flooding in
11 this Commonwealth is the single greatest cause of property loss
12 due to natural disasters; and

13 WHEREAS, Between 2000 and 2015, 20 Federal disasters and
14 emergencies were declared for floods, hurricanes and severe
15 storms in Pennsylvania that exceeded \$750 million in total
16 assistance from the United States Government; and

17 WHEREAS, The need to incorporate resilience into any
18 comprehensive infrastructure package is underscored by the

1 American Society of Civil Engineers' recent grade of D+ for the
2 nation's infrastructure, and an estimated \$4.6 trillion is
3 needed to repair key sectors of infrastructure across this
4 country; and

5 WHEREAS, Over 250 elected officials from across the United
6 States signed a Flood-Ready Infrastructure Statement of
7 Principles supporting resilient infrastructure that will:

8 (1) improve resiliency requirements for buildings and
9 infrastructure systems built before and after flood-related
10 catastrophes;

11 (2) enhance the use of natural defenses in planning and
12 preparedness; and

13 (3) reduce unsustainable development in high risk areas;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, A bipartisan coalition of leading business groups,
16 labor unions and elected officials at all levels of government
17 continue to annually recognize the need for safer, stronger and
18 sustainable infrastructure; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of the Congress of the United States and the
20 current presidential administration have indicated that
21 addressing infrastructure will be a priority in the coming year,
22 especially as the nation prepares for the 2018 hurricane season;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
25 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call upon the Federal Government to
26 consider the principles for resilient infrastructure under this
27 resolution that would reduce risk and meet our economic,
28 environmental and social needs; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of

1 each house of Congress, the director of the Federal Emergency
2 Management Agency and the members of the Pennsylvania
3 Congressional Delegation.