
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CULVER, HICKERNELL, IRVIN AND WARREN, MARCH 25, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 7 through 13, 2019, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 10, 2019, 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
16 purpose functions of cities, boroughs, towns and townships such
17 as maintenance of roads and streets, police and fire protection

1 and enforcement of ordinances and land-use controls; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth rely upon the
11 dedication of their local officials in meeting many of the
12 residents' most fundamental needs in nearly all facets of daily
13 living; and

14 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
15 and the bedrock of our political system; and

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

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

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

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
27 week of April 7 through 13, 2019, as "Local Government Week" and
28 April 10, 2019, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and
29 be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and thank

1 the local officials of this Commonwealth for their labor as the
2 unsung heroes of government.