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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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THOMAS, TOOHIL, VITALI, WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD, ZIMMERMAN AND  
SCHWEYER, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2019 as "Fire Prevention Month"  
2 and recognizing the week of October 6 through 12, 2019, as  
3 "National Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Fires are a serious safety concern both nationally  
5 and locally; and

6 WHEREAS, People face the greatest risk of fire in their  
7 homes; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the National Fire Protection  
9 Association (NFPA), more than 1.3 million fires were reported by  
10 fire departments in 2017, resulting in approximately 3,400  
11 civilian deaths, the highest number of fatalities since 2008;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In a fire, seconds can mean the difference between  
14 escaping safely or having lives end in tragedy; and

1       WHEREAS, It is critical for everyone to have an escape plan  
2 that includes two exits from each room and a path outside from  
3 each exit; and

4       WHEREAS, The NFPA has chosen "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape.  
5 Plan and Practice Your Escape" for the 2019 "National Fire  
6 Prevention Week" theme to educate people about small but  
7 important actions they can take to keep themselves and others  
8 safe; and

9       WHEREAS, Promoting this theme provides an ideal opportunity  
10 to educate the public of the danger fire poses in homes  
11 throughout our communities; and

12       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's first responders exhibit great  
13 dedication to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home  
14 fire injuries through prevention and protection education and  
15 through their quick response to emergencies; therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
17 month of October 2019 as "Fire Prevention Month" and recognize  
18 the week of October 6 through 12, 2019, as "National Fire  
19 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
21 residents, landlords, businesses and other property owners to  
22 protect their homes, businesses and property by heeding the  
23 important safety messages of "National Fire Prevention Week"  
24 which can be found on the NPFA's publicly accessible Internet  
25 website; and be it further

26       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend all  
27 firefighters, other first responders and all who provide support  
28 for their efforts to prevent, fight and stop fires.