
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MACKENZIE, ZIMMERMAN, FRANKEL, KIM, BERNSTINE, READSHAW AND
MURT, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2019 as "Emergency
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, the President of the United States
4 proclaims September as "National Emergency Preparedness Month"
5 to stress the importance of strengthening the security and
6 resiliency of the nation through systematic preparation for the
7 full range of hazards threatening the United States, including
8 natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic disease and acts of
9 terrorism; and

10 WHEREAS, During "Emergency Preparedness Month," residents and
11 the townships, boroughs, cities and counties in which they live
12 are encouraged to take time to ensure that they are prepared for
13 any disaster, natural or manmade; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, in communities large and small, victims
15 of disasters and emergencies in this Commonwealth and across the

1 United States turn to neighbors, familiar and new, for help
2 through emergency services, including The Salvation Army, the
3 American Red Cross, local fire departments, police departments,
4 ambulance and paramedic services, military bases, hospitals,
5 urban search and rescue units, wilderness search and rescue
6 groups, canine rescue units, dive teams, county 911 coordinators
7 and staff, county hazardous materials teams, local emergency
8 management coordinators and staff, county emergency management
9 coordinators and staff, medevac agencies, the Pennsylvania State
10 Police, Civil Air Patrol, ham radio operators, National Guard
11 personnel, local fire police and many other paid staff and
12 volunteers with various governmental and nonprofit agencies and
13 other groups; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the
15 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency encourage individuals
16 to have emergency preparedness kits on hand should disaster
17 strike and provide information through their websites,
18 www.ready.gov and www.ready.pa.gov, to educate residents on how
19 to prepare for emergencies and disasters; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of September 2019 as
21 "Emergency Preparedness Month" can help empower residents of
22 this Commonwealth by providing information about the risks
23 residents can face and the concrete actions they can take to
24 protect themselves, their families, their communities, this
25 Commonwealth and our country; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
27 month of September 2019 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in
28 Pennsylvania and extend its thanks to the staff and volunteers
29 who serve this Commonwealth and our nation through emergency
30 preparedness efforts to assist and protect residents during any

1 and all emergencies and disasters, natural or manmade; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
4 residents to observe September as "Emergency Preparedness Month"
5 in Pennsylvania and inform residents to visit the www.ready.gov
6 and www.ready.pa.gov websites and other resources, so they can
7 become fully prepared for any and all emergencies.