
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the essential work performed by individuals with
2 disabilities during the 2020 pandemic and thanking them for
3 their continued efforts through the remainder of the pandemic
4 as they continue their work into the future.

5 WHEREAS, The current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the
6 need for essential services to continue even in areas where many
7 businesses' physical locations and state government buildings
8 remain closed; and

9 WHEREAS, Essential services include:

10 (1) Performing daily janitorial and total facility
11 management services to Commonwealth facilities throughout
12 Pennsylvania.

13 (2) Maintaining offices and providing other services in
14 government buildings where vital work is being performed,
15 including State Police Barracks, rest areas, welcome centers,
16 Department of Transportation facilities, Pennsylvania
17 Emergency Management Agency facilities, Department of Health

1 facilities, Department of Human Services facilities,
2 Department of Labor and Industry facilities and Photo License
3 Centers throughout the Commonwealth.

4 (3) Maintaining new and existing call center and help
5 desk support operations for the Department of Human Services,
6 Pennsylvania State Police, Department of Corrections, Board
7 of Probation and Parole, Department of Banking and
8 Securities, Department of Revenue and Department of Labor and
9 Industry.

10 (4) Providing deep cleaning and sanitization services in
11 Commonwealth offices.

12 (5) Producing and providing urgently needed personal
13 protective equipment and disinfecting and sanitization
14 products.

15 (6) Responding to dynamically changing acquisition
16 methods to meet the needs of the Commonwealth;

17 and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has recognized the importance of
19 these jobs in passing laws that support the hiring of
20 individuals with disabilities; and

21 WHEREAS, These essential services are performed in large part
22 by essential workers with disabilities under contracts under
23 section 520 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, which is
24 intended to provide employment opportunities for individuals
25 with disabilities; and

26 WHEREAS, Many of these essential workers work through
27 disability service providers that provide training, job coaches,
28 transportation or any other needed supports to help these
29 essential workers in performing this work; and

30 WHEREAS, This essential workforce has continued to perform

1 regular duties and meet the ever-changing needs of the
2 Commonwealth throughout the pandemic; and

3 WHEREAS, This essential workforce is vital to the economy of
4 this Commonwealth and to the personal economies and well-being
5 of the remainder of the essential workforce; and

6 WHEREAS, These essential workers with disabilities will
7 remain an essential part of our workforce long after the COVID-
8 19 pandemic has ended; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 essential work performed by individuals with disabilities during
11 the 2020 pandemic and thank them for their continued efforts
12 through the remainder of the pandemic as they continue their
13 work into the future.