
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2020 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
16 United States turn to neighbors, familiar and new, for help
17 through emergency services, including the Salvation Army, the
18 American Red Cross, local fire departments, police departments,

1 ambulance and paramedic services, military bases, hospitals,
2 urban search and rescue units, wilderness search and rescue
3 groups, canine rescue units, dive teams, county 911 coordinators
4 and staff, county hazardous materials teams, local emergency
5 management coordinators and staff, county emergency management
6 coordinators and staff, medevac agencies, the Pennsylvania State
7 Police, Civil Air Patrol, ham radio operators, National Guard
8 personnel, local fire police and many other paid staff and
9 volunteers with various governmental and nonprofit agencies and
10 other groups; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of September 2020 as
18 "Emergency Preparedness Month" can help empower residents of
19 this Commonwealth by providing information about the risks
20 residents can face and the concrete actions they can take to
21 protect themselves, their families, their communities, this
22 Commonwealth and our country; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of September 2020 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in
25 Pennsylvania and extend its thanks to the staff and volunteers
26 who serve this Commonwealth and our nation through emergency
27 preparedness efforts to assist and protect residents during any
28 and all emergencies and disasters, natural or manmade; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all

1 residents to observe September as "Emergency Preparedness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania and inform residents to visit the www.ready.gov
3 and www.ready.pa.gov websites and other resources, so they can
4 become fully prepared for any and all emergencies.