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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 8, 2021

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Terminating the March 6, 2020, proclamation of disaster
2 emergency, as amended and renewed, issued under the hand and
3 seal of the Governor, Thomas Westerman Wolf. ◀

4 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the Governor issued a proclamation
5 declaring a disaster emergency in response to the existence of
6 COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, On June 3, 2020, the Governor issued an amendment to
8 the proclamation of disaster emergency renewing the March 6,
9 2020, declaration for an additional 90 days; and

10 WHEREAS, On August 31, 2020, the Governor issued an amendment
11 to the proclamation of disaster emergency renewing the
12 declaration for an additional 90 days; and

13 WHEREAS, On November ~~29~~ 24, 2020, the Governor issued an ◀--
14 amendment to the proclamation of disaster emergency renewing the
15 declaration for an additional 90 days; and

16 WHEREAS, On February 19, 2021, the Governor issued an
17 amendment to the proclamation of disaster emergency renewing the
18 declaration for an additional 90 days; and

1 WHEREAS, On May 20, 2021, the Governor issued an amendment to
2 the proclamation of disaster emergency renewing the declaration;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, On May 18, 2021, the People of Pennsylvania adopted
5 an amendment to section 9 of Article III of the Constitution of
6 Pennsylvania which provides that orders, resolutions or votes
7 "to which the concurrence of both Houses may be necessary,
8 except on the questions of ... termination or extension of a
9 disaster emergency declaration as declared by an executive order
10 or proclamation, or portion of a disaster emergency declaration
11 as declared by an executive order or proclamation, shall be
12 presented to the Governor" for his approval or veto; and

13 WHEREAS, On May 18, 2021, the People of Pennsylvania adopted
14 section 20(c) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania
15 which provides, in relevant part, "A disaster emergency
16 declaration under subsection (a) shall be in effect for no more
17 than twenty-one (21) days, unless otherwise extended in whole or
18 part by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly";

19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED (The Senate concurring), That the General Assembly,
21 in accordance with section 20 of Article IV of the Constitution
22 of Pennsylvania, hereby terminates ~~in part and extends in part~~ <--
23 the disaster emergency declared on March 6, 2020, as amended and
24 renewed, in response to COVID-19; and be it further

25 ~~RESOLVED, That the General Assembly terminate, and not extend~~ <--
26 ~~in part, the following portions of the disaster emergency~~
27 ~~declaration:~~

28 ~~(1) The portion of the disaster emergency declaration~~
29 ~~permitting the declaration to serve as the written~~
30 ~~determination of the basis for the emergency under 62 Pa.C.S.~~

1 ~~§ 516. An emergency procurement under 62 Pa.C.S. § 516~~
2 ~~relating to the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 shall~~
3 ~~include a written determination for the basis of the~~
4 ~~emergency other than a proclamation of the Governor.~~

5 ~~(2) The portion of the disaster emergency declaration~~
6 ~~suspending the provisions of any regulatory statute~~
7 ~~prescribing the procedures for conduct of Commonwealth~~
8 ~~business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any~~
9 ~~Commonwealth agency, but only to the extent that it applies~~
10 ~~to any of the following statutes, orders, rules or~~
11 ~~regulations:~~

12 ~~(i) 62 Pa.C.S. Pt. I.~~

13 ~~(ii) (Reserved).~~

14 ~~(3) The portion of the disaster emergency declaration~~
15 ~~requiring Commonwealth agencies to implement emergency~~
16 ~~assignments without regard to procedures required by other~~
17 ~~laws pertaining to performance of public work, entering into~~
18 ~~contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary~~
19 ~~workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and~~
20 ~~materials, and expenditures of public funds.~~

21 ~~(4) The portion of the disaster emergency declaration~~
22 ~~authorizing the Department of Labor and Industry to suspend~~
23 ~~or waive the requirements of section 401(b) of the act of~~
24 ~~December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known~~
25 ~~as the Unemployment Compensation Law.~~

26 ~~(5) The portion of the disaster emergency declaration~~
27 ~~setting maximum occupancy limits.~~

28 ~~(6) The portion of the disaster emergency declaration~~
29 ~~closing the physical location of non life sustaining~~
30 ~~businesses.~~

1 ~~(7) The portion of the disaster emergency declaration~~
2 ~~resulting in stay at home orders;~~
3 ~~and be it further~~

4 ~~RESOLVED, That this extension in part of the disaster~~
5 ~~emergency declared on March 6, 2020, as amended and renewed, in~~
6 ~~response to COVID 19, shall expire on October 1, 2021, except as~~
7 ~~terminated or extended, in whole or in part, by the General~~
8 ~~Assembly; and be it further~~

9 ~~RESOLVED, That any portion of the disaster emergency~~
10 ~~declaration which is not terminated in part shall be extended in~~
11 ~~part; and be it further~~

12 RESOLVED, That upon adoption of this concurrent resolution by
13 both chambers of the General Assembly, the Chief Clerk of the
14 House of Representatives shall notify the Governor of the
15 General Assembly's action; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
17 Representatives shall transmit this concurrent resolution to the
18 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania
19 Bulletin under 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4).