
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LABS, FARRY, WHITE, PENNYCUICK, POLINCHOCK, QUINN,
STAATS, STEPHENS, THOMAS, TOMLINSON AND C. WILLIAMS,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole or approving the issuance of a new disaster
2 emergency declaration in response to the aftereffects of
3 Hurricane Ida.

4 WHEREAS, On August 31, 2021, the Governor issued a
5 proclamation declaring a disaster emergency in response to the
6 aftereffects of Hurricane Ida; and

7 WHEREAS, In the proclamation declaring a disaster emergency,
8 the Governor declared that Hurricane Ida had the potential to
9 cause widespread and heavy rain throughout this Commonwealth,
10 which in turn posed a serious threat of severe flash flooding
11 and other adverse impacts throughout this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, The remnants of Hurricane Ida brought historic
13 rainfall to Pennsylvania, causing record flooding in many places
14 around this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Flooding was particularly present in the
16 southeastern region of this Commonwealth, some of which
17 surpassed record flood levels, including reports ranging from

1 five to eight inches of rain, which caused significant damage to
2 homes, businesses and public infrastructure, while significantly
3 threatening and disrupting lives and displacing families; and

4 WHEREAS, Scranton saw its second wettest day on record and
5 Harrisburg and Altoona recorded their third wettest day on
6 record; and

7 WHEREAS, As a result of flooding and damaging winds, a total
8 of 389 roads were closed across this Commonwealth, while downed
9 trees and limbs disrupted utilities, leaving more than 15 major
10 interstates, roadways and expressways closed; and

11 WHEREAS, Recovery efforts in response to the damage caused by
12 Hurricane Ida remain ongoing and will continue for the
13 foreseeable future; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, (The Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
15 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with section
16 20(c) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, extend
17 in whole until October 27, 2021, the disaster emergency declared
18 on August 31, 2021, in response to the aftereffects of Hurricane
19 Ida; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, (The Senate Concurring), That if the disaster
21 emergency declared on August 31, 2021, in response to the
22 aftereffects of Hurricane Ida is deemed to have expired prior to
23 the effective date of this concurrent resolution, the General
24 Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with
25 section 20(c) and (d) of Article IV of the Constitution of
26 Pennsylvania, expressly approve the issuance of a new disaster
27 emergency declaration based on the same or substantially similar
28 facts or circumstances as the disaster emergency declared on
29 August 31, 2021, in response to the aftereffects of Hurricane
30 Ida, provided that the new disaster emergency declaration shall

1 be extended in whole until October 27, 2021, unless the General
2 Assembly extend the declaration in whole or in part; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That upon adoption of this concurrent resolution by
5 both chambers of the General Assembly, the Chief Clerk of the
6 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
7 notify the Governor of the General Assembly's action; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief
10 Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit this concurrent
11 resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
12 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin under 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4); and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That this concurrent resolution take effect
15 immediately and be retroactive to August 31, 2021.