THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION
No. 139 Session of 2021

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

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole ~~or approving the issuance of a new~~ THE   <--
2   disaster emergency ~~declaration~~ DECLARED ON AUGUST 31, 2021,   <--
3   in response to the aftereffects of 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

18 five to eight inches of rain, which caused significant damage to

1 homes, businesses and public infrastructure, while significantly

2 threatening and disrupting lives and displacing families; and

3   WHEREAS, Scranton saw its second wettest day on record and

4 Harrisburg and Altoona recorded their third wettest day on

5 record; and

6   WHEREAS, As a result of flooding and damaging winds, a total

7 of 389 roads were closed across this Commonwealth, while downed

8 trees and limbs disrupted utilities, leaving more than 15 major

9 interstates, roadways and expressways closed; and

10   WHEREAS, Recovery efforts in response to the damage caused by

11 Hurricane Ida remain ongoing and will continue for the

12 foreseeable future; therefore be it

13   RESOLVED, (The Senate concurring), That the General Assembly

14 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with section

15 20(c) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, extend

16 in whole until October 27, 2021, the disaster emergency declared

17 on August 31, 2021, in response to the aftereffects of Hurricane

18 Ida, EXCEPT AS TERMINATED OR EXTENDED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY   **<--**

19 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; 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~~ SECRETARY **<--**

6 of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of

7 Representatives notify the Governor of the General Assembly's

8 action; and be it further

9   RESOLVED, That the ~~Chief Clerk~~ SECRETARY of the Senate and   **<--**

10 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit this

11 concurrent resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for

12 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin under 45 Pa.C.S. ~~S~~   **<--**

13 ~~725(a)(4)~~ § 725(A)(4); and be it further   **<--**

14   RESOLVED, That this concurrent resolution take effect

15 immediately ~~and be retroactive to August 31, 2021~~.   **<--**