
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 186 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, HILL-EVANS, HENNESSEY, GREINER,
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SAPPEY, SANCHEZ, STAATS, MENTZER, MARSHALL, MILLARD, PICKETT,
D. WILLIAMS, BROOKS, ZIMMERMAN, FARRY AND CIRESI,
MARCH 23, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 23, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 10 through 16, 2022, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 13, 2022, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Local government in Pennsylvania is a mosaic of more
5 than 4,500 individual units with 67 counties, more than 50
6 cities, nearly 1,500 townships of the second class, nearly 100
7 townships of the first class, more than 950 boroughs, one
8 incorporated town, 500 school districts and more than 1,500
9 municipal authorities; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 12 million residents of this Commonwealth
11 rely on the services and facilities provided by local
12 government, ranging from the special purpose functions of
13 counties, school districts and municipal authorities in the
14 areas of judicial administration, social welfare, education and
15 provision of water and sewer services to the more general
16 purpose functions of cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such

1 as maintenance of roads and streets, police and fire protection
2 and enforcement of ordinances and land-use controls; and

3 WHEREAS, Local government is composed of thousands of
4 hardworking citizen officials, many of whom hold local
5 government offices and serve without reward; and

6 WHEREAS, Local government is also composed of thousands of
7 dedicated staff members who carry out the directives of the
8 local elected officials and who are supplemented by thousands of
9 tireless volunteers who serve on various local boards and
10 commissions; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth rely upon the
12 dedication of their local officials in meeting many of the
13 residents' most fundamental needs in nearly all facets of daily
14 living; and

15 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
16 and the bedrock of our political system; and

17 WHEREAS, The success of our local officials is a key element
18 in the overall quality of life in this Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, It is fitting that each year in Pennsylvania one
20 week is set aside as "Local Government Week" and one day as
21 "Local Government Day"; and

22 WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" and "Local Government Day"
23 focus attention on the need for a strong, independent and active
24 local government in this Commonwealth and recognize the valuable
25 contributions made by residents serving their communities;
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 week of April 10 through 16, 2022, as "Local Government Week"
29 and April 13, 2022, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and thank
2 the local officials of this Commonwealth for their labor as the
3 unsung heroes of government.