
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 188 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, MARCH 24, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 24, 2022

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on January
2 28, 2022, and extended in whole by the General Assembly until
3 March 31, 2022, in response to the Forbes Avenue/Fern Hollow
4 Bridge Collapse.

5 WHEREAS, On January 28, 2022, the Governor issued a
6 proclamation declaring a disaster emergency in response to the
7 collapse of the Forbes Avenue/Fern Hollow Bridge in the City of
8 Pittsburgh, Allegheny County; and

9 WHEREAS, Multiple vehicles were driving on the bridge at the
10 time of the collapse; and

11 WHEREAS, Vehicles, motorists and passengers fell
12 approximately 100 feet during the collapse; and

13 WHEREAS, Motorists and first responders sustained injuries as
14 a result of the collapse; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh and surrounding political
16 subdivisions continue to experience adverse effects to include
17 ongoing traffic disruptions in and around the scene of the
18 incident; and

19 WHEREAS, These adverse impacts are of such magnitude or

1 severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's
2 supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources
3 and the activation of all applicable State, county and municipal
4 emergency response plans; and

5 WHEREAS, Recovery and rebuilding efforts in response to the
6 damage caused by the collapse remain ongoing; and

7 WHEREAS, On February 9, 2022, the Senate and the House of
8 Representatives both adopted House Resolution No. 173 which
9 extended in whole the declaration of disaster emergency until
10 March 31, 2022; and

11 WHEREAS, Extending the disaster declaration will ensure that
12 the Department of Transportation is eligible to receive and will
13 continue to seek emergency relief funding from the Federal
14 Government to assist the City of Pittsburgh; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
16 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with section
17 20(c) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, extend
18 in whole until September 30, 2022, the disaster emergency
19 declared on January 28, 2022, and extended in whole until March
20 31, 2022, in response to the collapse of the Forbes Avenue/Fern
21 Hollow Bridge in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County,
22 except as terminated or extended, in whole or in part, by the
23 General Assembly; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this concurrent resolution
25 by both chambers of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the
26 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
27 notify the Governor of the General Assembly's action; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief
30 Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit this concurrent

1 resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
2 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin under 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4); and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That this concurrent resolution take effect
5 immediately.