
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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PITTMAN, APRIL 21, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 21, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 11 through 18, 2021, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 14, 2021, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Local government officials and staff have served in
5 an extraordinary capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic, with
6 unprecedented demands and limited resources; and

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

13 WHEREAS, More than 12 million residents of this Commonwealth
14 rely on the services and facilities provided by local
15 government, ranging from the special purpose functions of
16 counties, school districts and municipal authorities in the
17 areas of judicial administration, social welfare, education and

1 provision of water and sewer services to the more general
2 purpose functions of cities, boroughs, towns and townships such
3 as maintenance of roads and streets, police and fire protection
4 and enforcement of ordinances and land use controls; and

5 WHEREAS, Local government is comprised of thousands of
6 hardworking resident officials, many of whom serve without
7 reward, who hold local government offices; and

8 WHEREAS, Local government also employs thousands of dedicated
9 staff members who carry out the directives of the local elected
10 officials and who are assisted by thousands of tireless
11 volunteers who serve on various local boards and commissions;
12 and

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

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

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

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

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

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 11
29 through 18, 2021, as "Local Government Week" and April 14, 2021,
30 as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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