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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2015 as "Emergency
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, disaster strikes communities across the
4 world, causing individuals to flee their homes, often with very
5 little advance warning; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, thousands of Americans, many of whom are
7 elderly and infirm, are displaced by disasters; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, the President of the United States
9 proclaims September as "National Emergency Preparedness Month"
10 to stress the importance of strengthening the security and
11 resiliency of the nation through systematic preparation for the
12 full range of hazards threatening the United States in the 21st
13 century, including natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic
14 disease and acts of terrorism; and

1 WHEREAS, Each year, this Commonwealth and its communities
2 participate and observe September as "Emergency Preparedness
3 Month" to ensure that residents and the townships, boroughs,
4 cities and counties in which they live take the steps necessary
5 to be ready for any disaster, natural or manmade; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, in communities large and small, victims
7 of disasters and emergencies in this Commonwealth and across the
8 United States turn to neighbors, familiar and new, for help
9 through the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, local fire
10 departments, police departments, ambulance and paramedic
11 services, military bases, hospitals, urban search and rescue
12 units, wilderness search and rescue groups, canine rescue units,
13 dive teams, county 911 coordinators and staff, county hazardous
14 material teams, local emergency management coordinators and
15 staff, county emergency management coordinators and staff,
16 medevac agencies, the Pennsylvania State Police, Civil Air
17 Patrols, ham radio operators, National Guard personnel, local
18 fire police and many other paid staff and volunteers with
19 various governmental and nonprofit agencies and other groups;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Disasters come in many forms, from natural disasters
22 such as hurricanes or tornadoes to manmade attacks like those of
23 14 years ago that occurred on September 11, 2001; and

24 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages
25 individuals to have emergency preparedness kits on hand should
26 disaster strike and provides information through its website,
27 www.ready.gov, to educate residents on how to prepare for
28 emergencies and disasters; and

29 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency also
30 does its part to assist Commonwealth residents in becoming well

1 prepared for any disaster or emergency through its website,
2 www.readypa.org; and

3 WHEREAS, Designating the month of September 2015 as
4 "Emergency Preparedness Month" can help empower Commonwealth
5 residents by providing information about the risks all residents
6 can face and the concrete actions they can take to protect
7 themselves, their families, their communities, this Commonwealth
8 and our country; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 month of September 2015 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in
11 Pennsylvania and extend its thanks to the many paid staff and
12 volunteers who serve this Commonwealth and our nation through
13 emergency preparedness efforts to assist and protect residents
14 during any and all emergencies and disasters, natural or
15 manmade; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
17 residents to observe September as "Emergency Preparedness Month"
18 in Pennsylvania and inform themselves by visiting the
19 www.ready.gov and www.readypa.org websites and through other
20 resources on how they can become fully prepared for any and all
21 emergencies.