
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 8, 2022

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on January
2 28, 2022, and extended on February 9, 2022, in response to
3 the Forbes Avenue/Fern Hollow Bridge collapse.

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

8 WHEREAS, On February 9, 2022, the General Assembly extended
9 in whole the disaster emergency in response to the collapse of
10 the Forbes Avenue/Fern Hollow Bridge until March 31, 2022; and

11 WHEREAS, Multiple vehicles were driving on the bridge at the
12 time of 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, including
17 ongoing traffic disruptions in and around the scene of the

1 incident; and

2 WHEREAS, These adverse effects are of such magnitude or
3 severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's
4 supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources
5 and the activation of all applicable State, county, and
6 municipal emergency response plans; and

7 WHEREAS, The proclamation of disaster emergency is set to
8 expire on March 31, 2022; and

9 WHEREAS, Extending the disaster emergency is necessary to
10 alleviate the continual traffic disruption and provide resources
11 for the deconstruction and reconstruction of the bridge; and

12 WHEREAS, The recovery period associated with this disaster
13 has not concluded; and

14 WHEREAS, Extending the disaster emergency will help to ensure
15 the Department of Transportation is eligible to receive
16 emergency relief funding from the Federal Highway Administration
17 to assist the City of Pittsburgh; and

18 WHEREAS, The powers and duties afforded to executive branch
19 agencies to maintain response operations necessary to recover
20 from disasters under Title 35 of Pennsylvania's Consolidated
21 Statutes will expire on March 31, 2022, when the proclamation of
22 disaster emergency is set to expire, unless otherwise extended
23 by the General Assembly; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly,
25 in accordance with section 20 of Article IV of the Constitution
26 of Pennsylvania, extend the disaster emergency declared on
27 January 28, 2022, from March 31, 2022, to February 18, 2023; and
28 be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the disaster emergency will terminate by
30 operation of law, and will not be further extended unless upon

1 affirmative action of the General Assembly on or before February
2 18, 2023; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That upon adoption of this concurrent resolution of
4 both chambers of the General Assembly, the Chief Clerk of the
5 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
6 notify the Governor of the General Assembly's action; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief
9 Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit this concurrent
10 resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
11 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin pursuant to 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4);
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this concurrent resolution shall take effect
14 immediately.