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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2014 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

1 disease and acts of terrorism; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Disasters come in many forms, from natural disasters
22 like hurricanes, tornadoes or even manmade attacks like those of
23 13 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 does
30 its part to also 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 2014 as Emergency
4 Preparedness Month can help empower Commonwealth residents by
5 providing information about the risks all residents can face and
6 the concrete actions they can take to protect themselves, their
7 families, their communities, their Commonwealth and their
8 country; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 month of September 2014 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.