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SENATE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 12, 2022, as "EMS Memorial Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, the United States Congress designated the
4 National EMS Memorial Service be held annually, as the official
5 EMS Memorial Service in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The objective of the EMS Memorial Service is to
7 remember and honor those emergency medical services personnel
8 who have died in the line of duty and to recognize the ultimate
9 sacrifice they have made for their fellow man; and

10 WHEREAS, The traveling memorial of the National EMS Memorial
11 Service, the Tree of Life, is erected every year; and

12 WHEREAS, The Tree of Life bears a representation of an oak
13 tree to symbolize strength along with the name, agency and date
14 of loss of each National EMS Memorial Service honoree engraved
15 on a bronze oak leaf; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 2011, the Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation
17 has organized an EMS Memorial Service at the State Capitol to

1 remember Pennsylvania EMS providers that have given their lives
2 in the line of duty; and

3 WHEREAS, During the Memorial Service at the Capitol, the name
4 of each honoree is read followed by the ringing of the bell; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2013, the following EMS personnel have been
6 honored for making the ultimate sacrifice during the performance
7 of emergency service duties:

8 (1) Samantha Agins, Camp Jaycee, Stroudsburg.

9 (2) Ethan Lynn Amsbaugh, Priority Volunteer Response
10 Ambulance, Mt. Union.

11 (3) Robert Ashby, Sr., Christiana Community Ambulance,
12 Gap.

13 (4) Brenda Bauer, City of Reading Fire, Reading.

14 (5) Andrew Beck, Kecksburg VFW Rescue Squad, Kecksburg.

15 (6) Brad Blackman, American Medical Response,
16 Philadelphia.

17 (7) David J. Blausen, Wilkins-Churchill Rescue One,
18 Wilkins.

19 (8) Walter L. Bricker, Metal Township Fire & Ambulance
20 Co, Fannettsburg.

21 (9) John Buchner, Scranton Fire Department Ambulance,
22 Scranton.

23 (10) Gilbert Buerk, St. Mary's Ambulance Service, St.
24 Marys.

25 (11) Kevin Bundy, Mercy Fitzgerald EMS, Darby.

26 (12) Jeanette M. Christ, University Medevac/Lehigh
27 Valley Hospital, Allentown.

28 (13) Kelly A. Conti, Critical Care Diversified
29 Enterprises, West Mifflin.

30 (14) John R. Demkosky, Lackawanna Ambulance Service,

1 Scranton.

2 (15) Kline DeWire, Susquehanna Health System EMS,
3 Williamsport.

4 (16) Bruce H. Ditlow, St Joseph Hospital, Lancaster.

5 (17) Theodore Dybus, Veterans Memorial Ambulance
6 Service, Northern Cambria.

7 (18) Douglas Dzubinski, UPMC Pinnacle Health, Community
8 Life Team, York.

9 (19) Kevin A. Ellefson, Medic Rescue Ambulance Service,
10 Beaver Falls.

11 (20) Jeremy Emerich, Lehigh Valley MedEvac.

12 (21) Donald J. Felker, Collingdale Fire Company No 1,
13 Collingdale.

14 (22) Dale C. Francis, Lifestar Ambulance Corps,
15 Quakertown.

16 (23) William Fraser, Mountaintop Ambulance, Mountaintop.

17 (24) Michael "Boz" Garvin, Second Alarmers Association
18 and Rescue Squad, Willow Grove.

19 (25) Gregory S. Gelsinger, TowerDIRECT, Wyomissing.

20 (26) John M. Goodwin, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.

21 (27) Thomas Gruen, Tunkhannock Ambulance Association,
22 Tunkhannock.

23 (28) Richard A. Hartley, Derry Township Fire Police,
24 Lewistown.

25 (29) Mark W. Haussler, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.

26 (30) Ed Hayes, Cottage Rescue & EMS, Carbondale.

27 (31) Thomas Hicks, Citizens Volunteer Fire Company,
28 York.

29 (32) Wesley Hostetter, Lack Tuscarora EMS, East
30 Waterford.

- 1 (33) Robert W. Justis, St. Luke's Transport Service,
2 Tannersville.
- 3 (34) Daniel E. Keller, Fayette EMS, Connellsville.
- 4 (35) Robert Kohler, Sr. Northeastern Area EMS, York.
- 5 (36) Shawn M. Kramer, Hamburg Ambulance Service, West
6 Lawn/Hamburg.
- 7 (37) James S. Landis, University Medevac/Lehigh Valley
8 Hospital, Allentown.
- 9 (38) John F. Legieko, Parkesburg Ambulance/Fire Co,
10 Parkesburg.
- 11 (39) Janice M. Keen-Livingston, West End Ambulance
12 Service, Johnstown.
- 13 (40) Kevin Maffettone, Bucks County 2012 Morrisville,
14 Levittown.
- 15 (41) Fred Manno, North Huntingdon EMS/Rescue,
16 Greensburg.
- 17 (42) Nelson Martin, Bethel Ambulance, Bethel.
- 18 (43) Herbert W. McCay, American Medical Response,
19 Philadelphia.
- 20 (44) Daniel W. McIntosh, Bensalem EMS, Bensalem.
- 21 (45) Harry R. Moore, Duquesne EMS, Duquesne.
- 22 (46) Paul Moyer, Yoe Ambulance, York.
- 23 (47) Michael R. Murphy, PennSTAR, Philadelphia.
- 24 (48) Barry John Nagle, Silver Spring Ambulance and
25 Rescue, New Kingstown.
- 26 (49) Deborah J. Nole, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.
- 27 (50) Larry Oberle, Alpha Fire Company Community
28 Ambulance, State College.
- 29 (51) Kenneth Duane Prunty, Tri Community Ambulance,
30 Monogahela.

1 (52) Elwood C. Queen Sr., Irvona Volunteer Ambulance
2 Service, Irvona.

3 (53) Robert Reeder, Crozer-Keystone EMS, Upland.

4 (54) Patricia A. Riccobono, Lehigh Valley Hospital,
5 Allentown.

6 (55) David A. Sauder, Leola Ambulance Association,
7 Leola.

8 (56) Heinz Schulz, Emergycare/LifeStar of Erie, Erie.

9 (57) William J. Sekora, Jr., Jeannette EMS, Jeannette.

10 (58) Richard Shoaf, Jr., Swarthmore Fire & Protection
11 Assn, Swarthmore.

12 (59) Matthew C. Smelser, Rostraver-West Newton Emergency
13 Medical Services, Belle Vernon.

14 (60) Edward E. Soper, H.O.P.S. Ambulance, Le Raysville.

15 (61) William R. Spence, CJ Systems Aviation Group, West
16 Mifflin.

17 (62) Ethel M. Speros, Willow Street Ambulance
18 Association, Willow Street.

19 (63) Richard J. Stark, Thornhurst Volunteer Fire/Rescue
20 Ambulance Squad, Thornhurst.

21 (64) Daniel Sweeney, Philadelphia Fire Department,
22 Philadelphia.

23 (65) Brian TaraBori, UPMC Wellsboro, Wellsboro.

24 (66) Joseph M. Vagnier, Monroeville Fire Dept,
25 Monroeville.

26 (67) Robert Vetter, Mon Valley EMS, Monessen.

27 (68) John M. Watson, Moscow Volunteer Fire
28 Department/Hose Co Ambulance, Moscow.

29 (69) Kevin L. Weatherlow, St Joseph Hospital, Lancaster.

30 (70) Craig Webb, University EMS, Dauphin.

1 (71) Gregory Wentzel, First Aid & Safety Patrol
2 Emergency Medical Services Agency, Lebanon.

3 (72) David A. Womer, Mount Carmel Area Rescue Squad,
4 Mount Carmel.

5 (73) Robert H. Wood, Montrose Minute Men, Montrose.

6 (74) David Young, Central Juniata EMS, Juniata.

7 (75) Robert (Bob) E. Zerman, Pioneer Hose Co. #1,
8 Robesonia.

9 (76) Doug Zima, Northwest EMS, Elizabethtown;

10 and

11 WHEREAS, Since 2016, prior to the Memorial Service, the
12 Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation holds a cycling event which
13 ends at the Capitol; and

14 WHEREAS, The Senate greatly appreciates the critical role
15 that EMS plays, providing emergency response and serving as the
16 front line delivery of health care, while under extraordinarily
17 adverse situations, and often with little to no pay; therefore
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 12, 2022, as
20 "EMS Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.