
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 10 through 14, 2017, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 12, 2017, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

10 WHEREAS, More than 12 million residents of this Commonwealth
11 rely on the services and facilities provided by local
12 government, ranging from the special purpose functions of
13 counties, school districts and municipal authorities in the
14 areas of judicial administration, social welfare, education and
15 provision of water and sewer services to the more general
16 purpose functions of cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such
17 as maintenance of roads and streets, police and fire protection

1 and enforcement of ordinances and land use controls; and

2 WHEREAS, Local government is comprised of thousands of
3 hardworking resident officials, many of whom serve without
4 reward, who hold local government offices; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
14 and the bedrock of our political system; and

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

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 10
26 through 14, 2017, as "Local Government Week" and April 12, 2017,
27 as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend and thank the local
29 officials of this Commonwealth for their labor as the unsung
30 heroes of government.