
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 511 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BAKER, BARRAR, BISHOP, R. BROWN,
V. BROWN, BULLOCK, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CORBIN,
D. COSTA, P. DALEY, DEAN, DEASY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI,
DRISCOLL, DUSH, ENGLISH, EVERETT, FARINA, GIBBONS, GILLEN,
GINGRICH, GROVE, HAHN, HARHART, HARKINS, A. HARRIS, PHILLIPS-
HILL, IRVIN, JOZWIAK, W. KELLER, KILLION, KINSEY, KIRKLAND,
KLUNK, KNOWLES, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MAHONEY, MAJOR,
MALONEY, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MATZIE, McCARTER, McNEILL,
MILLARD, MURT, NEILSON, O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PAYNE,
PICKETT, QUIGLEY, ROSS, ROZZI, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG,
SCHREIBER, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, TALLMAN, THOMAS, TOEPEL, VEREB,
WARD, WATSON, ZIMMERMAN, PETRI AND RAVENSTAHL,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2015 as "Fire Prevention Month"
2 in Pennsylvania and recognizing October 4 through 10, 2015,
3 as "National Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Fires exist as a serious safety concern both
5 nationally and locally; and

6 WHEREAS, People face the greatest risk of fire in their
7 homes; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, between 2,000 and 3,000 people die in
9 house fires in the United States, according to the National Fire
10 Protection Association (NFPA), with fire departments in the
11 United States responding yearly to more than 37,000 home fires;

12 WHEREAS, Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported

1 between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; and

2 WHEREAS, One quarter of home fire deaths were caused by fires
3 that started in the bedroom; and

4 WHEREAS, Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in
5 reported home fires in half; and

6 WHEREAS, The NFPA picked the theme "Hear the Beep Where You
7 Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm" for the 2015
8 "National Fire Prevention Week" to educate people about the need
9 for working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate
10 sleeping area and on every level of one's home; and

11 WHEREAS, Promotion of the theme provides an ideal opportunity
12 to educate the public of the danger fires pose in homes
13 throughout our communities; and

14 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's first responders exhibit great
15 dedication to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home
16 fire injuries through prevention and protection education and
17 through their quick response to emergencies; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of October 2015 as "Fire Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania
20 and recognize the week of October 4 through 10, 2015, as
21 "National Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania with the theme
22 for each being "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom
23 Needs a Working Smoke Alarm"; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
25 residents, landlords, businesses and other property owners to
26 protect their homes, businesses and property by heeding the
27 important safety messages of "Fire Prevention Week" 2015, which
28 can be found on the NPFA publicly accessible Internet website;
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend all

1 firefighters, other first responders and those who provide
2 support to them for all their efforts to prevent, fight and stop
3 fires.