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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2024 as "Emergency  
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, the President of the United States  
4 proclaims September as "National Emergency Preparedness Month"  
5 to stress the importance of strengthening the security and  
6 resiliency of the nation through systematic preparation for the  
7 full range of hazards threatening the United States, including  
8 natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic disease and acts of  
9 terrorism; and

10 WHEREAS, During "Emergency Preparedness Month," residents and  
11 the townships, boroughs, cities and counties in which they live  
12 are encouraged to take time to ensure that they are prepared for  
13 any disaster, natural or manmade; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, in communities large and small, victims  
15 of disasters and emergencies in this Commonwealth and across the  
16 United States turn to neighbors, familiar and new, for help  
17 through emergency services, including: the American Red Cross,

1 the Salvation Army, local fire departments, police departments,  
2 ambulance and paramedic services, military bases, hospitals,  
3 urban search and rescue units, wilderness search and rescue  
4 groups, canine rescue units, dive teams, county 911 coordinators  
5 and staff, county hazardous materials teams, local emergency  
6 management coordinators and staff, county emergency management  
7 coordinators and staff, medevac agencies, the Pennsylvania State  
8 Police, Civil Air Patrols, ham radio operators, National Guard  
9 personnel, local fire police and many other paid staff and  
10 volunteers with various governmental and nonprofit agencies and  
11 other groups; and

12 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the  
13 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency encourage individuals  
14 to have emergency preparedness kits on hand should disaster  
15 strike and provide information through their websites,  
16 [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.readypa.org](http://www.readypa.org), to educate residents on how  
17 to prepare for emergencies and disasters; and

18 WHEREAS, Designating the month of September 2024 as  
19 "Emergency Preparedness Month" can help empower Commonwealth  
20 residents by providing information about the risks all residents  
21 can face and the concrete actions they can take to protect  
22 themselves, their families, their communities, this Commonwealth  
23 and our country; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
25 month of September 2024 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in  
26 Pennsylvania and extend its thanks to the staff and volunteers  
27 who serve this Commonwealth and our nation through emergency  
28 preparedness efforts to assist and protect residents during any  
29 and all emergencies and disasters, natural or manmade; and be it  
30 further

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
2 residents to observe September as "Emergency Preparedness Month"  
3 in Pennsylvania and inform themselves by visiting the  
4 [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.readypa.org](http://www.readypa.org) websites and through other  
5 resources on how they can become fully prepared for any and all  
6 emergencies.