
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 61 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BROWN, KEARNEY, BROOKS, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK,
HAYWOOD, HUGHES, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUTCHINSON, COMITTA,
KANE, TARTAGLIONE, DUSH, STREET, BREWSTER AND COSTA,
MARCH 6, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 6, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 9 through 15, 2023, as "Local
2 Government Week" and April 12, 2023, as "Local Government
3 Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

1 protection and enforcement of ordinances and land use controls;
2 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 9
27 through 15, 2023, as "Local Government Week" and April 12, 2023,
28 as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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

1 heroes of government.