
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FARRY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 1, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2020 as "Fire Prevention Month"
2 and recognizing the week of October 4 through 10, 2020, as
3 "National Fire Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

8 WHEREAS, According to the National Fire Protection
9 Association (NFPA), more than 1.3 million fires were reported by
10 fire departments in 2019, resulting in approximately 3,400
11 civilian deaths; and

12 WHEREAS, In a fire, seconds can mean the difference between
13 escaping safely or having lives end in tragedy; and

14 WHEREAS, It is critical for everyone to have an escape plan
15 that includes two exits from each room and a path outside from
16 each exit; and

1 WHEREAS, The NFPA has chosen "Serve Up Fire Safety in the
2 Kitchen" for the 2020 "National Fire Prevention Week" theme to
3 educate the community on cooking hazards, the dangers of
4 unattended cooking, and precautions that can be taken to prevent
5 cooking-related fires, because cooking is the leading cause of
6 home fires and home fire injuries in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Promoting this theme provides an ideal opportunity
8 to educate the public of the danger fire poses in homes
9 throughout our communities; and

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

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 month of October 2020 as "Fire Prevention Month" and recognize
16 the week of October 4 through 10, 2020, as "National Fire
17 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
19 residents, landlords, businesses and other property owners to
20 protect their homes, businesses and property by heeding the
21 important safety messages of "National Fire Prevention Week,"
22 which can be found on the NPFA's publicly accessible Internet
23 website; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend all
25 firefighters, other first responders and all who provide support
26 for their efforts to prevent, fight and stop fires.