
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, TEPLITZ, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN,
BAKER, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, BREWSTER, RESCHENTHALER, WHITE,
COSTA, SCHWANK, FOLMER, YUDICHAK AND BROWNE,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 1 through 7, 2017, as "First
2 Responder Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvanians have benefited from the
4 brave and courageous service of first responders across this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The police, fire, emergency medical service and
7 public health personnel who are commonly known as first
8 responders work tirelessly and selflessly for the residents of
9 this Commonwealth, regardless of any personal peril and hazard;

10 and

11 WHEREAS, The men and women who bravely serve as first
12 responders find themselves on the front lines of homeland
13 defense in the war against terrorism; and

14 WHEREAS, First responders are called upon to serve the
15 residents of this Commonwealth in the event of natural
16 disasters; and

17 WHEREAS, First responders across this Commonwealth risk their

1 lives every day to make our communities safe, including 55,000
2 registered emergency medical service workers, 75,000
3 firefighters and more than 45,000 police officers; and

4 WHEREAS, Emergency medical service workers respond to and
5 treat many life-threatening emergencies, from traumatic injuries
6 and strokes to cardiac arrest; and

7 WHEREAS, Both volunteer and career firefighters provide
8 critical fire prevention safety and education, fire suppression,
9 automobile accident response, search and rescue and hazardous
10 material response, and often provide emergency medical services
11 when needed at the scene; and

12 WHEREAS, Police officers protect our lives and properties,
13 prevent and detect crimes and ensure justice; and

14 WHEREAS, First responders make personal sacrifices in order
15 to keep this Commonwealth safe and sometimes make the ultimate
16 sacrifice in the line of duty to ensure the well-being of the
17 residents of this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, These men and women should be honored the first week
19 of the year to show our renewed respect, appreciation and
20 gratitude for those who carry out the critical role of
21 protecting and ensuring public safety for all of us; therefore
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of January 1
24 through 7, 2017, as "First Responder Appreciation Week" in
25 Pennsylvania.