
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 20, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "Arson
2 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, From 2010 to 2012, each year an estimated 17,400
4 intentionally set fires in residential buildings were reported
5 to fire departments in the United States, resulting in 275
6 civilian deaths, 800 civilian injuries and \$513 million in
7 property loss according to the United States Fire
8 Administration; and

9 WHEREAS, From 2010 to 2012, each year an estimated 9,000
10 intentionally set fires occurred in nonresidential buildings,
11 resulting in \$282 million in property loss; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation
13 over the last five years, there has been an average of 53,127
14 arson cases reported with an average dollar loss of \$15,086 per
15 incident; and

1 WHEREAS, An accelerant detection canine saves time and money
2 by using fewer but more accurate evidence samples, which reduces
3 expenditures at the lab, speeding up investigations and
4 providing a higher conviction rate; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Fire Administration has designated
6 the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "National Arson Awareness
7 Week" and this year's theme is Accelerant Detection Canines -
8 Sniffing Out Arson; and

9 WHEREAS, This week will focus on the value and contribution
10 accelerant detection canines make to fire departments, law
11 enforcement agencies and their communities; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "Arson Awareness Week" in
14 Pennsylvania and pay tribute to all fire and law enforcement
15 investigative agencies for their dedicated and tireless service.