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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GALLAGHER AND NEILSON, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on June 12,  
2 2023, and extended in whole by the General Assembly until  
3 November 1, 2023, in response to the collapse of the  
4 northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound  
5 bridge on Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia,  
6 Philadelphia County.

7 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2023, the Governor issued a proclamation  
8 declaring a disaster emergency in response to the collapse of  
9 the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound  
10 bridge on Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia,  
11 Philadelphia County; and

12 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2023, a tanker truck fire erupted  
13 underneath a northbound and southbound bridge on Interstate 95  
14 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; and

15 WHEREAS, The fire led to the collapse of the northbound  
16 bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge; and

17 WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia and surrounding political  
18 subdivisions continue to experience adverse impacts, including  
19 ongoing traffic disruption in and around the scene of the  
20 incident; and

1       WHEREAS, These adverse impacts are of such magnitude and  
2 severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's  
3 supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources  
4 and the activation of all applicable State, county and municipal  
5 emergency response plans; and

6       WHEREAS, Recovery and rebuilding efforts in response to the  
7 damage caused by the incident remain ongoing; and

8       WHEREAS, On June 30, 2023, the Senate and the House of  
9 Representatives both adopted Senate Resolution 136 which  
10 extended in whole the declaration of disaster emergency until  
11 November 1, 2023; and

12       WHEREAS, Extending the disaster emergency declaration will  
13 ensure that the Commonwealth is eligible to receive emergency  
14 relief funding from the Federal Government to assist the  
15 Commonwealth recovery and rebuilding activities related to the  
16 collapse of the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the  
17 southbound bridge on Interstate 95; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly,  
19 in accordance with section 20(c) of Article IV of the  
20 Constitution of Pennsylvania, further extend in whole the  
21 disaster emergency declared on June 12, 2023, and extended in  
22 whole until November 1, 2023, an additional 120 calendar days  
23 from November 1, 2023, in response to the collapse of the  
24 northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge  
25 on Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia  
26 County, except as terminated or extended, in whole or in part,  
27 by the General Assembly; and be it further

28       RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this concurrent resolution  
29 by both chambers of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the  
30 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be

1 directed to notify the Governor of the General Assembly's  
2 action; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief  
4 Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to transmit  
5 this concurrent resolution to the Legislative Reference Bureau  
6 for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania  
7 Bulletin as specified under 45 Pa.C.S. § 725(a)(4).