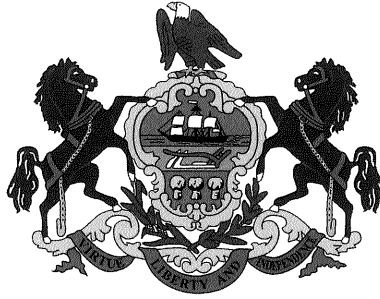


# House of Representatives



## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

*In the House, April 24, 2013*

*Whereas, While 80% of the earth's surface is covered with water, only 1% of that water is suitable for human consumption; and*

*Whereas, Groundwater, the water that soaks into the soil from raindrops and moves downward to fill cracks and other openings in beds of rock and sand, makes up about 90% of the fresh water on earth, not including polar icecaps; and*

*Whereas, Individual water wells tapping groundwater resources provide high-quality water to many homeowners and businesses; and*

*Whereas, Few people consider water supply when choosing a home or when taking a stand on local water supply regulations; and*

*Whereas, An estimated 2,200 municipally owned or investor-owned community drinking water systems provide high-quality water to homeowners and businesses; and*

*Whereas, Federal and State drinking water standards are upheld by the Department of Environmental Protection for all of those systems; and*

*Whereas, The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regulates the rates and service of investor-owned water companies in this Commonwealth; and*

*Whereas, The mission of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is to ensure that safe and reliable service is provided to ratepayers at a reasonable price; and*

*Whereas, PENNVEST (the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority) and the H<sub>2</sub>O PA program provide low-cost financial assistance for infrastructure improvements to community drinking water systems; and*

*Whereas, Ongoing cooperation among the Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, PENNVEST and the H<sub>2</sub>O PA program*

*strengthens drinking water system viability, enhances service, increases economies of scale, regionally maximizes efficient water supply and use and fosters economic development; and*

*Whereas, A State water plan has been developed to coordinate regional, county and local water allocation and use, land development planning and related zoning requirements under Act 220 of 2002; and*

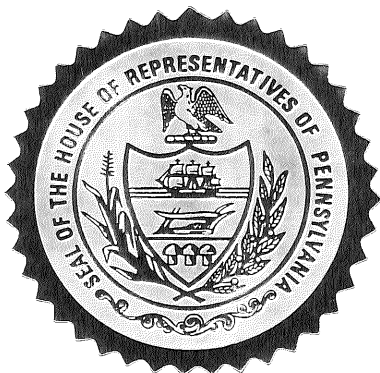
*Whereas, The American Water Works Association established "National Drinking Water Week" more than 30 years ago to call attention to water as a precious natural resource; and*

*Whereas, Water conservation and water quality maintenance are essential to this Commonwealth and our nation; and*

*Whereas, Because the service provided by viable community drinking water systems is generally available instantaneously on a 24-hour basis, many of us take safe and reliable drinking water for granted; therefore be it*

*Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate the week of May 5 through 11, 2013, as "Drinking Water Week" in Pennsylvania to heighten awareness of drinking water treatment, monitoring, distribution and related costs and urge all residents of this Commonwealth to protect our watersheds, conserve our precious drinking water supply and preserve its superior quality.*

*I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 271, introduced by Miller, O'Brien, Kotik, DiGirolamo, Vereb, Cohen, Ravenstahl, Caltagirone, Godshall, Hennessey, Freeman, Millard, Mahoney, Killion, Murt, Boback, Heffley, Gibbons, V. Brown, Schlegel Culver, Pickett, Helm, Tallman, Major, Everett, Youngblood, Frankel, Harhart, Ross, Rock, Gingrich, Goodman, Gillen, White, Benninghoff and Hess.*



*Samuel H. Smith*  
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Samuel H. Smith, Speaker