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### A Concurrent Resolution

*(Editor's Note: House Resolution 197 of 2023 was signed in the Senate and the House of Representatives on October 23, 2023.)*

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

*Whereas*, On June 12, 2023, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a disaster emergency in response to the collapse of the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge on Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; and

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

*Whereas*, The fire led to the collapse of the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge; and

*Whereas*, The City of Philadelphia and surrounding political subdivisions continue to experience adverse impacts, including ongoing traffic disruption in and around the scene of the incident; and

*Whereas*, These adverse impacts are of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources and the activation of all applicable State, county and municipal emergency response plans; and

*Whereas*, Recovery and rebuilding efforts in response to the damage caused by the incident remain ongoing; and

*Whereas*, On June 30, 2023, the Senate and the House of Representatives both adopted Senate Resolution 136 which extended in whole the declaration of disaster emergency until November 1, 2023; and

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

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

*Resolved*, That, upon adoption of this concurrent resolution by both chambers of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to notify the Governor of the General Assembly's action; and be it further

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

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