



## ***RESOLUTION***

**Relating to:** National Radiation Protection Professionals Week

**WHEREAS:** Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered x rays on 8 November 1895; and

**WHEREAS:** Soon after, natural radioactivity was discovered in March of 1896 by Henri Becquerel; and

**WHEREAS:** Radioactive materials and radiation are a useful and necessary part of our modern world; and

**WHEREAS:** Radiation exposure is potentially harmful to people; and

**WHEREAS:** Man-made and concentrated natural radioactivity can cause environmental contamination; and

**WHEREAS:** Protection of the homeland involves radiation safety, security, and response capabilities; and

**WHEREAS:** Radiation protection professionals work with government, industry, medical, educational, and private entities to serve as sources of information and bring the benefits of x rays, radiation, and radioactivity to the public while minimizing the hazards of radiation exposure; and

**WHEREAS:** Radiation protection professionals provide scientific expertise, training, support, coordination, and information to national and international communities regarding prevention of, responses to, and recovery from radiation accidents; and

**WHEREAS:** The HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY is a professional organization whose mission is excellence in the science and practice of radiation safety. Society activities include encouraging research in radiation science, developing standards, and disseminating radiation safety information. Society members are involved in understanding, evaluating, and controlling the potential risks from radiation relative to the benefits. Our vision is that the Health Physics Society will be the home for radiation safety specialists and the trusted source of radiation safety information that enables the safe use of radiation to improve people's lives.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED:**

**That 5–11 November 2017 is National Radiation Protection Professionals Week.**

That the weeklong observance is dedicated to recognizing radiation protection professionals for their contributions to public safety.

On behalf of the members of the Health Physics Society, I am pleased to recognize 5–11 November 2017 as National Radiation Protection Professionals Week. Henceforth, the Health Physics Society shall recognize and participate in National Radiation Protection Professionals Week annually.

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