
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GROVE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 10 through 14, 2012, as
2 "Health Information Technology Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Health care information technology and management
4 systems have been recognized as essential tools for improving
5 the quality of patient care, ensuring patient safety, stopping
6 duplicative tests and paperwork and reducing health care costs;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Center for Information Technology Leadership has
9 estimated that the implementation of standards for
10 interoperability and the exchange of health information would
11 save the United States approximately \$77 billion in expenses
12 relating to health care each year; and

13 WHEREAS, The nation has made a commitment to leveraging the
14 benefits of health care information technology and management
15 systems, including supporting the adoption of electronic health

1 records and the safe and secure exchange of health information
2 across systems that will help to reduce costs and improve
3 quality while ensuring the privacy of patients; and

4 WHEREAS, The ability to exchange health information
5 confidently and securely across health care systems is
6 fundamental to transforming America's health care delivery
7 system, achieving improved quality and clinical outcomes and
8 controlling costs; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States has placed a clear priority on the
10 health care community for the adoption of interoperable
11 electronic health records and health information exchange that
12 are essential components of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR
13 Incentive Program's Meaningful Use Stage 2; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 2006, organizations across the United States
15 have united to support National Health Information Technology
16 Week to improve public awareness of the benefits, such as
17 increased quality and cost efficiency of the health care system,
18 that the implementation of health information technology could
19 achieve; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 week of September 10 through 14, 2012, as "Health Information
22 Technology Week" in Pennsylvania and call on all interested
23 parties to promote the use of information technology and
24 management systems to transform the health care system of the
25 United States and to recognize the value of information
26 technology and management systems in transforming health care
27 for the people of the United States.