

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VANCE, BAKER, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, WARD,  
KITCHEN, KASUNIC, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BROWNE, BRUBAKER,  
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WAUGH, D. WHITE, YAW, DINNIMAN, FERLO, FONTANA, SOLOBAY,  
STACK, TARTAGLIONE AND YUDICHAK, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 13 through 19, 2011, as "Rural  
2 Health Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, All but two of the Commonwealth's 67 counties have  
4 rural residents, 48 are predominately rural and five are  
5 completely rural, and the health and welfare of rural  
6 Pennsylvania affects this entire Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, In recognition of Pennsylvania's diverse rural  
8 needs, the Commonwealth has supported the development of the  
9 Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs, the Center for  
10 Rural Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health and  
11 other agencies and organizations to address the needs of rural  
12 Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has also supported the development  
14 of centers and resources for quality health care services such  
15 as the Area Health Education Centers, primary health and dental  
16 care clinics and community-based efforts to deliver health care

1 services to rural Pennsylvanians; and

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Health's State Health  
3 Improvement Plan contains strategies to address the needs and  
4 opportunities that present themselves in our rural communities;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Associations have worked to strengthen the local  
7 health care delivery system through strong rural hospitals and  
8 community-based centers of primary care; and

9 WHEREAS, Supporting Pennsylvania communities that are not  
10 able to supply or retain core medical services is essential to  
11 the health and welfare of the State as a whole; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Rural Health Association and the  
13 Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health have collaborated to deliver  
14 an annual rural health conference, the only conference in this  
15 Commonwealth devoted exclusively to rural health; therefore be  
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of November 13  
18 through 19, 2011, as "Rural Health Week" in Pennsylvania.