

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 495 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, NEILSON, O'NEILL, KULA, DeLUCA, COHEN, CALTAGIRONE, GOODMAN, MAJOR, HENNESSEY, DiGIROLAMO, BENNINGHOFF, SONNEY, BIZZARRO, KOTIK, KIRKLAND, V. BROWN, KORTZ, MILLARD, LUCAS, MAHONEY, ROSS, MIRABITO, SWANGER, ROCK, GROVE, SABATINA, WATSON, MCNEILL, D. COSTA, MARSICO, MURT AND GINGRICH, OCTOBER 15, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 20 through 26, 2013, as
2 "National Massage Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to
3 honor the more than 7,500 licensed massage therapists in this
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and
6 is increasingly part of integrated health care; and

7 WHEREAS, Consumers are spending \$8 to \$12 billion annually on
8 massage therapy; and

9 WHEREAS, Therapeutic massage can benefit people of all ages;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows massage
12 therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues,
13 including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis,
14 back pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches and solely for
15 maintaining good health; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Massage Therapy Association, a

1 professional association for massage therapists, provides
2 consumer and professional education information on massage and
3 helps consumers and health professionals locate qualified
4 massage therapists in their areas; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 week of October 20 through 26, 2013, as "National Massage
7 Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to honor the more than
8 7,500 licensed massage therapists in this Commonwealth.