
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SURRA, GEORGE, ROONEY, YANDRISEVITS, LYNCH,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 6, 1993, as "National Physician Assistant
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, October 6, 1993, the physician
4 assistants of Clearfield, Jefferson, Elk, Potter, McKean and
5 Clinton counties, along with their peers throughout the country,
6 will commemorate the 26th anniversary of the graduation of the
7 first physician assistants; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Physician Assistants
9 established "National Physician Assistant Day" in 1987 as a way
10 to honor physician assistants for their dedication and the
11 quality care they provide to Americans across the country; and

12 WHEREAS, The profession of physician assistant was created as
13 a way to utilize in our country, which was already experiencing
14 a lack of adequate health services in the 1960's, the medical
15 skills acquired by military medical corpsmen during the Vietnam
16 War; and

17 WHEREAS, A physician assistant undergoes a rigorous

1 educational program at an accredited medical college or
2 university and, upon certification, is then able to provide
3 almost 80% of those services that have been traditionally
4 performed by physicians in such areas as internal medicine,
5 family medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics and
6 gynecology. These services are provided under the supervision of
7 a physician; and

8 WHEREAS, Physician assistants can be found in all
9 communities. In many rural areas, the physician assistant is
10 often the only provider of health care, conferring with other
11 medical providers and supervisors as they administer treatment;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Because the use of physician assistants has proven
14 to be a cost-effective tool in providing Americans with quality
15 health care, Congress has been requested to provide a funding
16 increase of 80% so that more committed individuals are able to
17 obtain the training needed to enter this rapidly growing
18 profession; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
20 6, 1993, as "National Physician Assistants Day."