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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 464 Session of  
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OCTOBER 27, 2003

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 27, 2003

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Declaring November 2003 as "Pennsylvania Hospice Month."
- 2 WHEREAS, Throughout the United States, November 2003 is being
- 3 recognized as National Hospice Month; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hospice care treats the person instead of the
- 5 disease, focuses on the family in addition to the patient and
- 6 emphasizes the quality of life instead of its duration; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Hospice care helps patients live fully during their
- 8 final days by alleviating the fears associated with terminal
- 9 illness such as dying in pain, being alone and becoming a burden

1 to family members; and

2 WHEREAS, Hospice care allows terminally ill patients and  
3 their families to experience the end of life together in the  
4 comfort and security of home or homelike settings; and

5 WHEREAS, Hospice care uses the combined knowledge and skills  
6 of an interdisciplinary team of professionals, including  
7 physicians, nurses, home-care aides, social workers, spiritual  
8 caregivers, counselors and volunteers; and

9 WHEREAS, Hospice care is a compassionate, cost-effective  
10 alternative to services provided in hospitals and other  
11 institutional settings; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 25,000 patients were served by hospice  
13 programs in this Commonwealth in 2000, and the number grows  
14 annually; and

15 WHEREAS, An increase in public awareness and understanding of  
16 hospice care will better serve families facing a terminal  
17 illness in this Commonwealth and help ensure that hospice  
18 services are a guaranteed benefit for all citizens; therefore be  
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare November  
21 2003 as "Pennsylvania Hospice Month"; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all State  
23 agencies, health care organizations and providers, hospice  
24 providers and the people of this Commonwealth to observe  
25 "Pennsylvania Hospice Month" with appropriate programs and  
26 activities designed to educate and to encourage recognition of  
27 and support for hospice care as a valuable component of our  
28 health system.