
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 19, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 19, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 19, 2013, as "Life Sciences Day" in this
2 Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a rich history of research and
4 innovation, including home to the nation's first hospital,
5 medical school and college of pharmacy; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of the world's greatest medical breakthroughs
7 have come from research conducted in this Commonwealth including
8 vaccines against blood-based hepatitis B, rubella, rotavirus and
9 polio as well as the first simultaneous heart, liver and kidney
10 transplant; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is the only state with 13 world-
12 renowned research institutions and is home to the leading
13 National Institutes of Health award-recipient universities; and

14 WHEREAS, The future of this Commonwealth's life sciences
15 industry is bright, ranking 4th in the nation for life science-
16 related patents and recognizing that the number of life science
17 companies in this Commonwealth has increased 13% in the last 5

1 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Business Facilities magazine has ranked this
3 Commonwealth among the top 3 states during the last 5 years for
4 biotechnology; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth offers proximity to the regulatory
6 bodies in Washington, DC, and the investment community in New
7 York, as well as a unique blend of talent ranging from recent
8 graduates of this Commonwealth's numerous higher education
9 institutions to the executives carrying on the legacy left by
10 leaders such as the late Dr. Hubert J.P. Schoemaker and Frank
11 Baldino, Jr. Ph.D.; and

12 WHEREAS, The life science industry is a cornerstone of this
13 Commonwealth's economic future, directly employing nearly 80,000
14 workers, a total employment impact of nearly 500,000 jobs and
15 economic impact from wages alone totaling \$8.15 billion; and

16 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is uniquely positioned to offer
17 the entire bioscience ecosystem in one location through seed
18 capital, discovery research, emerging industry, contract
19 laboratory organizations, medical devices and diagnostics
20 companies, mature biopharmaceutical industry and global
21 pharmaceuticals; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 19, 2013, as "Life
23 Sciences Day" in this Commonwealth and encourage all
24 Pennsylvanians to learn more about this vibrant industry.