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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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SCHWANK, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, GREENLEAF, MCGARRIGLE, RAFFERTY,  
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FARNESE, FONTANA, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE AND YUDICHAK,  
MAY 9, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 8 through 14, 2016, as "National  
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's hospitals deliver health care  
4 services to all the people of this Commonwealth, providing acute  
5 inpatient care as well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral  
6 health, rehabilitation, long-term and home care services; and

7 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by 34 trauma  
8 centers, 6 burn centers and 14 critical access hospitals that  
9 provide care for the State's most rural population; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to six academic medical centers  
11 and numerous teaching hospitals and medical schools, which train  
12 future health care providers and invest in critical health  
13 research; and

14 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921 in  
15 Chicago as an event to build trust after the Spanish flu  
16 outbreak; and

1       WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals  
2 are foundations of the communities that build them, and that  
3 hospitals serve people in every community from all walks of  
4 life; and

5       WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and  
6 the men and women who support the health of their communities  
7 through dedication and compassionate care; and

8       WHEREAS, Today, hospitals are multidimensional environments  
9 that offer every medical specialty and also focus on population  
10 health, prevention and wellness; and

11       WHEREAS, Hospitals provide free care to those who have no  
12 health care insurance or inadequate insurance coverage,  
13 providing more than \$1 billion in uncompensated care annually;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, Hospitals contributed \$111 billion to Pennsylvania's  
16 economy during 2014; and

17       WHEREAS, Hospitals are among the leading employers in their  
18 communities, providing nearly 591,000 total jobs, directly and  
19 indirectly; and

20       WHEREAS, Hospitals are working with many other health and  
21 social service stakeholders in their communities to form  
22 partnerships for a healthy Pennsylvania; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 8 through  
24 14, 2016, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
25 further

26       RESOLVED, That the Senate urge its members to visit the  
27 hospitals in their districts in recognition of the vital role  
28 that hospitals play in Pennsylvania's communities and health  
29 care delivery system.