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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 8, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 7 through 13, 2017, as "National  
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania and urging members of the  
3 Senate to visit hospitals in their communities to learn about  
4 the innovative, quality care and services that are improving  
5 the health and quality of life for residents of this  
6 Commonwealth.

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems provide  
8 health care services for acute inpatient care as well as  
9 outpatient, emergency, behavioral health, rehabilitation, long-  
10 term and home care services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

11 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by  
12 Pennsylvania's 40 trauma centers, 5 burn centers and 15 critical  
13 access hospitals affording care for the most rural populations  
14 in this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to seven academic medical  
16 centers and numerous teaching hospitals and medical schools that  
17 train future health care providers and invest in critical health  
18 research; and

1       WHEREAS, In 1921, "National Hospital Week" was first observed  
2 in Chicago to build trust during the Spanish influenza outbreak;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals  
5 are foundations of the communities and serve people from all  
6 walks of life in every community; and

7       WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and  
8 those who support the health of their communities through  
9 dedication and compassionate care; and

10       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals today are multidimensional  
11 organizations partnering with many other organizations in their  
12 communities to offer care with a focus on population health,  
13 prevention and wellness; and

14       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free care to those  
15 who have no health care insurance or inadequate insurance  
16 coverage, providing nearly \$1 billion in uncompensated care  
17 annually; and

18       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed nearly \$115  
19 billion to this Commonwealth's economy during 2015; and

20       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading  
21 employers in their communities, providing more than 625,000  
22 total jobs, directly and indirectly; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 7 through 13, 2017,  
24 as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

25       RESOLVED, That the Senate urge its members to visit the  
26 hospitals in their communities to learn about the innovative,  
27 quality care and services that are improving the health and  
28 quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.