

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 23, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 1, 2018, as "Pennsylvania Health Care
2 Information Technology Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, United States health care spending increased 4.3% to
4 reach \$3.3 trillion, or \$10,348 per person, in 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2016, the overall share of the gross domestic
6 product related to health care spending was 17.9%, up from 17.7%
7 in 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, Spending on health care has risen more than 40% in
9 the last decade; and

10 WHEREAS, The health care industry invests only 5% of revenue
11 on information technology and management systems versus an
12 average of 10.5% of other industries, including banking; and

13 WHEREAS, A recent study by the Commonwealth Fund has
14 demonstrated that the use of automated clinical decision support
15 systems can result in a net reduction of \$538 per patient per
16 hospital stay; and

17 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine reports that there are at

1 least 1.5 million preventable adverse drug events per year, each
2 adding more than \$8,700 to the cost of a hospital stay; and

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
4 reports that, between 2011 and 2015, 50,607 providers and
5 facilities in Pennsylvania received \$1.4 billion in Federal
6 incentive payments to implement electronic health records; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2015, 97% of eligible hospitals and 56% of
8 ambulatory health care providers in Pennsylvania had adopted,
9 upgraded or demonstrated meaningful use of an electronic health
10 record system; and

11 WHEREAS, Health care providers in this Commonwealth report an
12 improved ability to recruit physicians coming out of medical
13 school when advanced information technology is deployed at their
14 worksites; and

15 WHEREAS, Supporters and members of the Healthcare Information
16 and Management Systems Society encourage support for improved
17 access to care for rural Pennsylvanians through the expanded use
18 of telehealth by passing the Telemedicine Act, support funding
19 for workforce development programs to help increase the health
20 care and information technology workforce in Pennsylvania and
21 support the adoption of policies that promote interoperability
22 standards which enable cooperation by all provider communities
23 in Pennsylvania; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 1, 2018, as
25 "Pennsylvania Health Care Information Technology Awareness Day"
26 in Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of raising
28 awareness of health care information technology and the
29 advancement of health information exchange to help improve the
30 quality of care, save lives and reduce the cost of health care

1 for all Pennsylvanians; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate welcome members and supporters of
3 the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society to the
4 State Capitol to promote better health care in this Commonwealth
5 through broader adoption of health care information technology
6 and the advancement of health information exchange.