
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MCGARRIGLE, YUDICHAK, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF,
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BLAKE AND SCHWANK, OCTOBER 1, 2018

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 1, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2018 as "Pennsylvania
2 Pharmacists Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted of
4 the health professions concerned with the health and well-being
5 of all individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, There are over 25,000 pharmacists licensed in this
7 Commonwealth who provide services to assure the rational and
8 safe use of all medications; and

9 WHEREAS, The use of medication, as a cost-effective
10 alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a
11 major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

12 WHEREAS, Today's powerful medications require greater
13 attention to the manner in which they are used by different
14 patient population groups, both clinically and demographically;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, It is important that all users of prescription and
17 nonprescription medications, and their caregivers, be

1 knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug
2 therapy; and

3 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus
4 and level of expertise on medication therapy that exceeds that
5 of other health care providers; and

6 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are ideally suited to work
7 collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to
8 improve medication use and outcomes by providing services
9 through medication therapy management; and

10 WHEREAS, Pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility
11 which are crucial for patients to fully optimize access to
12 medications that are not self-administered, such as
13 immunizations; and

14 WHEREAS, Pharmacists are best positioned to help ensure
15 patients are adherent to their medications and provide patient
16 care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

17 WHEREAS, Pharmacists deserve fair reimbursement and
18 compensation for the knowledge, education, advice and services
19 they provide to patients; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association has
21 declared October as "Pennsylvania Pharmacists Month" in
22 conjunction with "American Pharmacists Month," with the theme
23 "Know Your MEDICINES - Know Your PHARMACIST"; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2018
25 as "Pennsylvania Pharmacists Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all residents of this
28 Commonwealth to acknowledge the valuable services pharmacists
29 provide to ensure safe, affordable and beneficial pharmaceutical
30 care services and products in this Commonwealth.