
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 818 Session of
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GAINNEY, BOBACK, MARSHALL, O'MARA, NEILSON AND MALAGARI,
MARCH 13, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 13, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For 56 years, Pennsylvania's community colleges have
4 provided accessible and affordable higher education, workforce
5 training and transfer opportunities for millions of residents of
6 this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community colleges serve nearly
8 300,000 students throughout this Commonwealth and 93% of credit
9 students are residents; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of every four undergraduates in this
11 Commonwealth attends a community college; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve nontraditional students,
13 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer increased access through
15 online education courses and programs, allowing students to

1 build their academic credentials and certifications while
2 maintaining their work schedules and family responsibilities;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway
5 to the baccalaureate through transfer and articulation
6 agreements to ensure that students seamlessly transition from
7 community college to a four-year degree, with nearly 31,000
8 students transferring each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in
10 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to this
11 Commonwealth's economy, particularly in health care, public
12 safety, manufacturing and energy; and

13 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and
14 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the workforce
15 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

16 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 52 new or
17 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers
18 and workforce trends; and

19 WHEREAS, More than 1,600 employers throughout this
20 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide
21 training for more employees, and more than 95,000 employees have
22 been trained by community colleges throughout this Commonwealth;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in
26 Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
28 residents to recognize, appreciate and support the contributions
29 community colleges make to their communities and our
30 Commonwealth.