

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 10, 2009, as "Patient Advocate Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Access to health care is a basic human need and a  
4 shared societal responsibility; and

5 WHEREAS, One patient who cannot access medical treatment or  
6 survive the financial hardship of illness is one patient too  
7 many; and

8 WHEREAS, A serious diagnosis must open the door to relevant  
9 clinical information, empowerment within the medical care  
10 system, timely and sustained medical care and intervention, an  
11 ability to efficiently and effectively reach both well-informed  
12 and independent decisions and the benefit of appropriate support  
13 which removes barriers to this care and empowerment; and

1       WHEREAS, The challenging complexity of ensuring health care  
2 to those in need must not deter or distract us from the urgency  
3 of finding and creating solutions to this persistent problem  
4 which requires immediate relief; and

5       WHEREAS, Only the continuous, comprehensive, cooperative and  
6 collaborative action of Pennsylvania's government, private  
7 industry, health care providers and citizens can surmount this  
8 challenge; and

9       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth affirms its commitment to  
10 progressive, fiscally sound, fair and effective health care for  
11 each of its citizens and stands in voice and action as an  
12 advocate for the patient now and in preparation for when the  
13 challenge is greatest; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June  
15 10, 2009, as "Patient Advocate Day" in Pennsylvania.