

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 531 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY McCALL, BEYER, BISHOP, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, ELLIS, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MUSTIO, PALLONE, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STABACK, VEREB AND WALKO, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 25 through 31, 2009, as
2 "National Massage Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Governor Rendell approved and signed Act 118, the
4 Massage Therapy Law, on October 9, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, This law established the Massage Therapy Board and
6 provided for the licensure of massage therapists in
7 Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), a
9 58,000-member professional association for massage therapists,
10 educates consumers and professionals on the benefits of massage
11 therapy and assists people nationwide in locating qualified
12 massage therapists in their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the AMTA, today there are 91,000
14 nationally certified massage therapists and more than 300
15 accredited massage schools and programs nationwide; and

1 WHEREAS, In the past five years an average of 32% of adult
2 Americans received a massage; and

3 WHEREAS, Almost one-third of these recipients did so to
4 improve their overall wellness, as well as to assist in the
5 treatment of pain management, injury rehabilitation and migraine
6 control; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
8 week of October 25 through 31, 2009, as "National Massage
9 Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.