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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 21 through 25, 2013, as  
2 "National Medical Assistants Recognition Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania and celebrating the important healing and care  
4 done by medical assistants in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, The health of all Pennsylvanians depends upon  
6 educated minds and trained hands; and

7 WHEREAS, The practice of modern medicine at the exacting  
8 standards that society now enjoys and expects would become  
9 impossible to achieve and maintain without the clinical and  
10 administrative duties performed daily in physicians' offices,  
11 clinics, laboratories and hospitals; and

12 WHEREAS, In the specialized world of health care, medical  
13 assistants stand out as versatile professionals who operate as  
14 multi-skilled practitioners and perform a wide range of roles in  
15 physicians' offices and other health care settings; and

1 WHEREAS, Medical assistants must work proficiently in a  
2 multitude of administrative and clinical tasks; and

3 WHEREAS, Doctors view medical assistants as vital partners  
4 that increase medical office productivity and provide efficient  
5 and caring service to all patients; and

6 WHEREAS, Medical assistants may demonstrate their knowledge  
7 and commitment to professionalism by earning the Certified  
8 Medical Assistant (CMA) credential offered by the American  
9 Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the Registered  
10 Medical Assistant credential offered by American Medical  
11 Technologists (AMT); and

12 WHEREAS, Candidates who earn a CMA credential have  
13 successfully completed a certification examination administered  
14 by the certifying board of the AAMA and enjoy increased respect  
15 and recognition from their professional peers and employers; and

16 WHEREAS, The examination tests general medical knowledge,  
17 including terminology, anatomy, physiology, behavioral science,  
18 medical law and ethics; administrative knowledge, including  
19 medical records management, collections and insurance  
20 processing; and clinical knowledge, including examination room  
21 techniques, medication preparation and administration,  
22 pharmacology and specimen collection; and

23 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Society of  
24 Medical Assistants (PSMA) may assist medical assistants from  
25 across this Commonwealth and is an affiliate of the AAMA; and

26 WHEREAS, As an affiliate, the PSMA works to provide the  
27 medical assistant professionals with education, certification,  
28 credential acknowledgment, networking opportunities, scope-of-  
29 practice protection and advocacy for quality patient-centered  
30 health care; and

1       WHEREAS, Both the AAMA and the AMT recognize the week of  
2   October 21 through 25, 2013, as Medical Assistants Recognition  
3   Week; and

4       WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports  
5   that nearly 30,000 Pennsylvanians work as medical assistants  
6   within this Commonwealth forming an important part of the  
7   medical and general labor force; therefore be it

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
9   21 through 25, 2013, as "National Medical Assistants Recognition  
10   Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the quality care,  
11   support and vital services provided by medical assistants within  
12   this Commonwealth; and be it further

13      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
14   important service provided to the profession within this  
15   Commonwealth by the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants  
16   as well as the American Association of Medical Assistants and  
17   American Medical Technologists; and be it further

18      RESOLVED, That members of the House of Representatives take  
19   initiative to recognize local medical assistants working in  
20   their communities for the important assistance they provide in  
21   helping to heal and care for patients.