
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 11, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 10 through May 16, 2020, as
2 "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems ensure
4 health care services are available in this Commonwealth 24 hours
5 a day, 7 days a week, providing acute inpatient care as well as
6 outpatient, emergency, behavioral health, rehabilitation, long-
7 term and home care services; and

8 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by
9 Pennsylvania's 41 trauma centers, 7 burn centers and the 15
10 critical access hospitals that provide care for the most rural
11 populations in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to 7 medical degree-granting
13 medical schools, 289 nursing programs and numerous academic
14 medical centers and teaching hospitals that train future health
15 care providers and invest in critical health research; and

16 WHEREAS, Originating in Chicago, "National Hospital Week"
17 dates back to 1921 as an event to build trust during the Spanish

1 influenza outbreak; and

2 WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals
3 are foundations of the communities that built them and serve
4 people from all walks of life in every community; and

5 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and
6 the women and men who support the health of their communities
7 through dedication and compassionate care; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, Pennsylvania hospitals are multidimensional
9 organizations that partner with many other organizations in
10 their communities to offer care with a focus on population
11 health, disease prevention and wellness; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free care to those
13 who have none or inadequate health care insurance coverage; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provided nearly \$764.8
15 million in uncompensated care during 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed more than \$136.1
17 billion to this Commonwealth's economy during 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading
19 employers in their communities, providing approximately 654,000
20 total jobs, directly and indirectly; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 10
22 through May 16, 2020, as "National Hospital Week" in
23 Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge its members to visit the
25 hospitals in their communities to learn about the innovative,
26 quality care and services that are improving the health and
27 quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.