

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 16 through 20, 2017, as
2 "National Medical Assistants Recognition Week" in
3 Pennsylvania in appreciation of the quality care, support and
4 vital services provided by medical assistants in this
5 Commonwealth.

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Medical assistants must proficiently perform a
16 multitude of administrative and clinical tasks; and

17 WHEREAS, Doctors view medical assistants as vital partners
18 who increase office productivity and provide efficient and
19 caring service to patients; and

1 WHEREAS, Medical assistants may further demonstrate their
2 knowledge and commitment to professionalism by earning the
3 Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credential offered by the
4 American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the
5 Registered Medical Assistant credential offered by American
6 Medical Technologists (AMT); and

7 WHEREAS, Candidates who earn a CMA credential have
8 successfully completed a certification examination administered
9 by the certifying board of the AAMA and enjoy increased respect
10 and recognition from their professional peers and employers; and

11 WHEREAS, The examination tests general medical knowledge,
12 including terminology, anatomy, physiology, behavioral science,
13 medical law and ethics, administrative knowledge, including
14 medical records management, collections and insurance processing
15 and clinical knowledge, including examination room techniques,
16 medication preparation and administration, pharmacology and
17 specimen collection; and

18 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants
19 (PSMA), an affiliate of the AAMA, assists medical assistants
20 from across this Commonwealth; and

21 WHEREAS, As an affiliate, the PSMA works to provide medical
22 assistant professionals with education, certification,
23 credential acknowledgment, networking opportunities, scope-of-
24 practice protection and advocacy for quality patient-centered
25 health care; and

26 WHEREAS, Both the AAMA and the AMT recognize the week of
27 October 16 through 20, 2017, as "Medical Assistants Recognition
28 Week"; and

29 WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports
30 that more than 26,000 individuals work as medical assistants in

1 this Commonwealth, forming an important part of the medical and
2 general labor force; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
4 week of October 16 through 20, 2017, as "National Medical
5 Assistants Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania in appreciation of
6 the quality care, support and vital services provided by medical
7 assistants in this Commonwealth; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 important service provided by the Pennsylvania Society of
10 Medical Assistants, as well as the American Association of
11 Medical Assistants and American Medical Technologists; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize medical
14 assistants in this Commonwealth for the important services they
15 provide for patients in their communities.

