

## 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 that health care services are available in this Commonwealth 24  
5 hours a day, seven days a week, providing acute inpatient care  
6 as well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral health,  
7 rehabilitation, long-term and home care services; and

8 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by  
9 Pennsylvania's 41 trauma centers, seven 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 seven medical degree-  
13 granting medical schools and 289 nursing programs, as well as  
14 numerous academic medical centers and teaching hospitals that  
15 train future health care providers and invest in critical health  
16 research; and

17 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921, in

1 Chicago, as an event to build trust during the Spanish influenza  
2 outbreak; and

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free care to those  
14 who have no health care insurance or inadequate insurance  
15 coverage, providing nearly \$764.8 million in uncompensated care  
16 during 2018; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading  
20 employers in their communities and provide approximately 654,000  
21 total jobs, directly and indirectly; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2020 hospitals have served as our front line  
23 defense in this Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19  
24 pandemic; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 10  
26 through 16, 2020, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania;  
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members  
29 to visit the hospitals in their communities to learn about the  
30 innovative, quality care and services that are improving the

1 health and quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.