
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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APRIL 29, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of Pennsylvania's human service
2 workers and designating the month of April 2003 as "Human
3 Service Worker Month" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's human service workers, including case
5 management aides, social work assistants, community support
6 workers, mental health aides, community outreach workers, life
7 skill counselors and gerontology aides, provide essential
8 services in a variety of fields such as nursing, psychiatry,
9 psychology, rehabilitative and physical therapy and social work;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Human service workers provide direct and indirect
12 client services by assessing clients' needs, establishing

1 eligibility for benefits and services and helping clients to
2 obtain them; and

3 WHEREAS, Human service workers may perform other functions
4 such as arranging transportation and escorts for clients;
5 providing emotional support; monitoring and keeping case
6 records; reporting progress to supervisors and case managers;
7 transporting or accompanying clients to adult day-care centers,
8 group meal sites or doctors' offices; telephoning or visiting
9 clients' homes to verify that essential services are being
10 received; helping to resolve disagreements, problems or
11 disputes; assisting with the completion of applications and
12 insurance or medical forms; or otherwise providing aid to
13 clients with daily living needs; and

14 WHEREAS, Human service workers play a variety of roles in
15 communities, which may include organizing or leading group
16 activities; assisting clients who are in need of counseling or
17 crisis intervention; administering food banks or emergency fuel
18 programs; reviewing clients' records to ascertain that they have
19 been given and have taken correct medication; and talking with
20 family members or conferring with medical personnel and other
21 caregivers to gain insight into clients' backgrounds and needs;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In halfway houses, group homes, government-supported
24 housing programs, psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation
25 programs, outpatient clinics and other facilities, human service
26 workers work with professional care providers to help clients
27 master everyday skills and to teach them how to communicate more
28 effectively and get along better with others; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
30 significant contribution made by human service workers to

1 Pennsylvania's communities and to overall improvement in the
2 quality of life of the citizens of this Commonwealth; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
5 month of April 2003 as "Human Service Worker Month" in
6 Pennsylvania.