
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 10, 2008, as "Patient Advocate Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Access to appropriate health care when disease
4 strikes is essential to well-being for all individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, A patient diagnosed with a serious illness should be
6 able to access medical treatment and survive the financial
7 hardship of illness; and

8 WHEREAS, A patient who receives a serious diagnosis should be
9 able to have relevant clinical information, timely and sustained
10 health care and intervention and the opportunity to effectively
11 reach well-informed and independent decisions; and

12 WHEREAS, Health information technology, including the
13 utilization of electronic medical records, can provide both the
14 patient and his physician with timely access to necessary
15 information; and

16 WHEREAS, The continued, comprehensive, cooperative and
17 collaborative action of government, private industry, health

1 care providers, volunteers and citizens can help overcome the
2 obstacles to the complexities of the health care system during a
3 serious illness; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize June 10, 2008, as
5 "Patient Advocate Day" in Pennsylvania.