
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2015

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ZIMMERMAN, APRIL 24, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 24, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating Tuesday, May 12, 2015, as "Pennsylvania Health Care
2 Information Technology Awareness Day."

3 WHEREAS, Health care costs represent 17.4% of Gross Domestic
4 Product (GDP) nationally; and

5 WHEREAS, Seventy percent of health care transactions are
6 paper based; and

7 WHEREAS, The health care industry invests only 5% of revenue
8 on information technology and management systems versus 10.5% of
9 other data-intensive industries such as banking; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States spends more than \$2.9 trillion on
11 health care a year, yet some of that spending is unnecessary and
12 spent on clinical and administrative waste, theft and excess
13 costs; and

14 WHEREAS, Spending on health care has risen over 40% in the
15 last decade; and

1 WHEREAS, A study by the Commonwealth Fund has demonstrated
2 that the use of automated clinical decision support systems can
3 result in the net reduction of \$538 per patient per hospital
4 stay; and

5 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine reports there are at least
6 1.5 million preventable adverse drug events per year, each
7 adding more than \$8,700 to the cost of a hospital stay; and

8 WHEREAS, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
9 reports that between 2011 and 2013, 14,997 providers and
10 facilities received \$692,246,548 in Federal incentive payments
11 to implement electronic health records; and

12 WHEREAS, Health care providers in this Commonwealth report an
13 improved ability to recruit physicians coming out of medical
14 school when advanced information technology is employed at their
15 sites; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2012, Senate Bill No. 8 was signed into law,
17 enacting the Pennsylvania eHealth Information Technology Act and
18 establishing the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority and
19 a health information exchange; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
21 Tuesday, May 12, 2015, as "Pennsylvania Health Care Information
22 Technology Awareness Day"; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 importance of raising awareness of health care information
25 technology and the vital role it plays in helping to save lives
26 and reduce the cost of health care for all Pennsylvanians; and
27 be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives welcome friends,
29 supporters and members of the Healthcare Information and
30 Management Systems Society on their visit to the State Capitol

1 to promote better health care in this Commonwealth through
2 broader adoption of advanced health care information technology
3 and management systems on that day.