
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 507 Session of
2015

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MACKENZIE, BOBACK, CALTAGIRONE, MAJOR, YOUNGBLOOD, GINGRICH,
ROSS AND MAHONEY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as
2 "National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Rehabilitation is a medical specialty which helps
5 restore people affected by a potentially disabling disease or
6 traumatic injury to good health and functional, productive lives
7 and also helps minimize physical or cognitive disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Rehabilitation often centers on an interdisciplinary
9 team approach to care by physiatrists; physical, occupational,
10 respiratory and recreational therapists; speech and language
11 pathologists; rehabilitation nurses; psychologists; vocational
12 counselors; and other professionals who work with patients to
13 restore the greatest level of function or independence; and

14 WHEREAS, The rehabilitation team helps individuals overcome
15 obstacles and accomplish normal tasks of daily living; and

1 WHEREAS, Because disability does not discriminate and every
2 person is at risk of disability, everyone is a potential
3 candidate for rehabilitation; and

4 WHEREAS, Nearly 50 million Americans have a disability, and
5 most Americans will require at least one rehabilitation service
6 at some point in their lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Rehabilitation is an integral part of health care
8 and a tremendous component in providing patients with positive
9 outcomes; and

10 WHEREAS, Rehabilitation is individualized so every patient
11 can progress at his or her own ability level; and

12 WHEREAS, Rehabilitation can lengthen life, improve the
13 quality of life and reduce subsequent illness; and

14 WHEREAS, Statistics show that medical rehabilitation improves
15 lives and saves money; and

16 WHEREAS, People participating in rehabilitation programs of
17 care are able to regain productivity and return to work, school
18 and independent living; and

19 WHEREAS, For every \$1 spent on rehabilitation care, it is
20 estimated that \$11 are saved on long-term disability costs;
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as "National
24 Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration Week" in Pennsylvania and
25 encourage all residents to promote awareness of this week in
26 their communities.