
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND ROEBUCK, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 16 through 20, 2017, as
2 "National Medical Assistants Recognition Week" in
3 Pennsylvania in appreciation of the quality care, support and
4 vital services provided by medical assistants in this
5 Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, The practice of modern medicine in accordance with
7 the exacting standards that society enjoys and expects would be
8 impossible to maintain without the clinical and administrative
9 duties performed daily in physicians' offices, clinics,
10 laboratories and hospitals; and

11 WHEREAS, In the specialized world of health care, medical
12 assistants stand out as versatile professionals who operate as
13 multiskilled practitioners and perform a wide range of roles in
14 physicians' offices and other health care settings; and

15 WHEREAS, Medical assistants must proficiently perform a
16 multitude of administrative and clinical tasks; and

17 WHEREAS, Doctors view medical assistants as vital partners

1 who increase office productivity and provide efficient and
2 caring service to patients; and

3 WHEREAS, Medical assistants may further demonstrate their
4 knowledge and commitment to professionalism by earning the
5 Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credential offered by the
6 American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the
7 Registered Medical Assistant credential offered by American
8 Medical Technologists (AMT); and

9 WHEREAS, Candidates who earn a CMA credential have
10 successfully completed a certification examination administered
11 by the certifying board of the AAMA and enjoy increased respect
12 and recognition from their professional peers and employers; and

13 WHEREAS, The examination tests general medical knowledge,
14 including terminology, anatomy, physiology, behavioral science,
15 medical law and ethics, administrative knowledge, including
16 medical records management, collections and insurance processing
17 and clinical knowledge, including examination room techniques,
18 medication preparation and administration, pharmacology and
19 specimen collection; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants
21 (PSMA), an affiliate of the AAMA, assists medical assistants
22 from across this Commonwealth; and

23 WHEREAS, As an affiliate, the PSMA works to provide medical
24 assistant professionals with education, certification,
25 credential acknowledgment, networking opportunities, scope-of-
26 practice protection and advocacy for quality patient-centered
27 health care; and

28 WHEREAS, Both the AAMA and the AMT recognize the week of
29 October 16 through 20, 2017, as "Medical Assistants Recognition
30 Week"; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports
2 that more than 26,000 individuals work as medical assistants in
3 this Commonwealth, forming an important part of the medical and
4 general labor force; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 week of October 16 through 20, 2017, as "National Medical
7 Assistants Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania in appreciation of
8 the quality care, support and vital services provided by medical
9 assistants in this Commonwealth; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 important service provided by the Pennsylvania Society of
12 Medical Assistants, as well as the American Association of
13 Medical Assistants and American Medical Technologists; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize medical
16 assistants in this Commonwealth for the important services they
17 provide for patients in their communities.