
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND WHEELAND, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 21, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2017 as "Homecare and Hospice
2 Month" in Pennsylvania to recognize and show appreciation for
3 the dedication and contributions of these providers to
4 enhancing the lives of their patients.

5 WHEREAS, Homecare and hospice professionals provide an
6 essential service that many individuals with disabilities or
7 diseases rely on to live at home with their families, while
8 remaining a part of their communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Homecare aides help with activities of daily living
10 such as remembering to take medications, preparing meals,
11 transferring from a chair, toilet or bed, bathing, getting
12 dressed, light housekeeping or transportation to and from
13 doctor's appointments; and

14 WHEREAS, Hospice end-of-life care brings together medical
15 care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support for

1 terminal patients and their families; and

2 WHEREAS, Homecare provides skilled services, which includes
3 nursing care and physical, occupational, speech and respiratory
4 therapy; and

5 WHEREAS, Homecare and hospice professionals work side by side
6 with patients' families involved in their care and take time to
7 teach the proper techniques; and

8 WHEREAS, Homecare and hospice professionals in Pennsylvania
9 provide care to nearly 1 million patients per year or 100
10 patients every hour; and

11 WHEREAS, Personal care aide and home health aide jobs are
12 projected to grow by 70% in the next seven years to accommodate
13 Pennsylvania's aging population, and this projected growth
14 reflects the largest employment growth among all occupations in
15 the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospices provide better quality care
17 than the national average and Pennsylvania's overall average
18 score is 93.8% while the national average score is 92.6%;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of November 2017 as "Homecare and Hospice Month" to
22 recognize and show appreciation for the dedication and
23 contributions of these providers to enhancing the lives of their
24 patients.