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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 15 through 19, 2018, 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  
18 who increase office productivity and provide efficient and

1 caring service to patients; and

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, Both the AAMA and the AMT recognize the week of  
28 October 15 through 19, 2018, as "Medical Assistants Recognition  
29 Week"; and

30 WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports

1 that more than 28,000 individuals work as medical assistants in  
2 this Commonwealth, forming an important part of the medical and  
3 general labor force; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
5 week of October 15 through 19, 2018, as "National Medical  
6 Assistants Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania in appreciation of  
7 the quality care, support and vital services provided by medical  
8 assistants in this Commonwealth; and be it further

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

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