
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 98 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, MENSCH, FONTANA, FARNESE, BLAKE, BROWNE,
BAKER, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, LANGERHOLC, RAFFERTY,
SABATINA, YUDICHAK AND KILLION, APRIL 26, 2017

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For 54 years, this Commonwealth's community colleges
4 have provided accessible and affordable higher education, work
5 force training and transfer opportunities for millions of
6 Pennsylvania residents; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania community colleges serve more than
8 327,000 students across all of this State's counties, and 88% of
9 credit students are residents; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of every four undergraduates of this
11 Commonwealth attends a community college; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve nontraditional students,
13 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans in this
14 Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer increased access through
16 online education courses and programs, allowing students to
17 build their academic credentials and certifications while

1 maintaining their work schedules and family responsibilities;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway
4 to the baccalaureate through more than 2,800 transfer and
5 articulation agreements to ensure that students seamlessly
6 transition from community college to a four-year degree, with
7 more than 34,200 students transferring each year; and

8 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in
9 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to the
10 State's economy, particularly in health care, public safety,
11 manufacturing and energy; and

12 WHEREAS, Sixty-one percent of credit programs support high-
13 priority occupations; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and
15 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the work force
16 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

17 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 74 new or
18 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers
19 and work force trends; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 1,120 employers throughout this
21 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide
22 training for more employees, and 48,349 employees have been
23 trained by community colleges throughout Pennsylvania; therefore
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2017
26 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in Pennsylvania and
27 encourage all residents to recognize, appreciate and support the
28 contributions these institutions make to their communities and
29 our Commonwealth.