

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, APRIL 17, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 15 through 21, 2018, as
2 "Osteopathic Medicine Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 140,000 osteopathic
4 physicians and osteopathic medical students in the United
5 States, including a growing number of women and minorities; and

6 WHEREAS, There are more than 8,000 doctors of osteopathic
7 medicine in this Commonwealth who are dedicated to improving the
8 health of their communities by delivering quality health care to
9 their patients; and

10 WHEREAS, One in four medical students in the United States
11 attends an osteopathic medical school; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania benefits from the education of
13 osteopathic medical students at the Lake Erie College of
14 Osteopathic Medicine, the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic
15 Medicine at Seton Hill and the Philadelphia College of
16 Osteopathic Medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians are trained to consider the
18 health of the whole person and to use their hands to diagnose

1 and treat patients; and

2 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians are fully licensed to
3 prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of
4 medicine, including surgery; and

5 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth recognize the
6 need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing
7 attention to improving the health of Americans regardless of
8 age, income level or ethnicity; and

9 WHEREAS, "National Osteopathic Medicine Week," observed April
10 15 through 21, 2018, focuses on the goal of increasing awareness
11 of osteopathic medicine and osteopathic physicians in
12 communities across the nation; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 15
14 through 21, 2018, as "Osteopathic Medicine Week" in
15 Pennsylvania.