
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 25, 2018

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 25, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, as "National
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania and urging members of the
3 Senate to visit hospitals in their communities to learn about
4 the innovative, quality care and services that are improving
5 the health and quality of life for residents of this
6 Commonwealth.

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems provide
8 health care services for acute inpatient care as well as
9 outpatient, emergency, behavioral health, rehabilitation, long-
10 term care services and home care services 24 hours a day, 7 days
11 a week; and

12 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by
13 Pennsylvania's nearly 40 trauma centers, 6 burn centers and 15
14 critical access hospitals affording care for the most rural
15 populations in this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to seven academic medical
17 centers and numerous teaching hospitals and medical schools that
18 train future health care providers and invest in critical health

1 research; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1921, "National Hospital Week" was first observed
3 in Chicago to build trust during the Spanish influenza outbreak;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals
6 are foundations of the communities and serve people from all
7 walks of life in every community; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and
9 those who support the health of their communities through
10 dedication and compassionate care; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals today are multidimensional
12 organizations partnering with many other organizations in their
13 communities to offer care with a focus on population health,
14 prevention and wellness; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free care to those
16 who have no health care insurance or inadequate insurance
17 coverage, providing nearly \$900 million in uncompensated care
18 annually; and

19 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed more than \$121
20 billion to this Commonwealth's economy during 2016; and

21 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading
22 employers in their communities, providing approximately 590,000
23 total jobs, directly and indirectly; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 6 through 12, 2018,
25 as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge its members to visit the
27 hospitals in their communities to learn about the innovative,
28 quality care and services that are improving the health and
29 quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.