
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 303 Session of
2019

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NEILSON AND EVERETT, MAY 6, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as "National
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems ensure
4 that health care services are available in this Commonwealth 24
5 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing acute inpatient care as
6 well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral health,
7 rehabilitation, long-term and home care services; and

8 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by
9 Pennsylvania's more than 41 trauma centers, 7 burn centers and
10 15 critical access hospitals that provide care for the most
11 rural populations in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to seven medical-degree-
13 granting medical schools and numerous teaching hospitals and
14 academic medical schools that train future health care providers
15 and invest in critical health research; and

1 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921, in
2 Chicago, an observance originated to increase awareness and
3 build trust following the Spanish influenza outbreak; and

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free care to those
15 who have no health care insurance or inadequate insurance
16 coverage, providing nearly \$778.5 million in uncompensated care
17 in 2017; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2017, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed \$128.9
19 billion to this Commonwealth's economy; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading
21 employers in their communities, providing more than 650,000
22 total jobs, directly and indirectly; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as "National Hospital Week" in
25 Pennsylvania; and be it further

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