
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 550 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, MILLARD, SCHMITT, HENNESSEY, BIZZARRO, DIGIROLAMO, KORTZ, BURNS, RYAN, SONNEY, LONGIETTI, BROWN, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, DeLUCA, HELM, NEILSON, FREEMAN, CALTAGIRONE, MARKOSEK, McCLINTON, GILLEN, YOUNGBLOOD AND DEASY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, OCTOBER 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 20 through 26, 2019, as
2 "National Massage Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to
3 honor the more than 7,900 licensed massage therapists in this
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and
6 is increasingly a part of integrated health care; and

7 WHEREAS, Consumers are spending approximately \$16 billion
8 annually on massage therapy; and

9 WHEREAS, A therapeutic massage can benefit people of all
10 ages; and

11 WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows massage
12 therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues,
13 including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis,
14 back pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches and solely for
15 maintaining good health; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Massage Therapy Association, a
17 professional association for massage therapists, provides

1 consumer and professional education information on massage
2 therapy and helps consumers and health professionals locate
3 qualified massage therapists in their areas; therefore be it
4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 week of October 20 through 26, 2019, as "National Massage
6 Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to honor the more than
7 7,900 licensed massage therapists in this Commonwealth.