
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DeLUCA, BURNS AND KINSEY, OCTOBER 29, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OCTOBER 29, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2019 as "Chiropractic Health
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania-licensed doctors of chiropractic are
4 educated and trained to effectively address spinal and
5 neuromusculoskeletal pain with nonsurgical, nondrug management;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Prescription opioid use and abuse leading to
8 addiction and catastrophic outcomes has become a national
9 crisis; and

10 WHEREAS, The leading cause of injury death in the United
11 States is drug overdose and a majority of the deaths from drug
12 overdoses involved an opioid; and

13 WHEREAS, From 1999 until 2017, more than 400,000 people in
14 the United States died from prescription opioid-related
15 overdose, with more than 70,000 of those deaths occurring in
16 2017 at the rate of 130 overdose deaths per day; and

17 WHEREAS, Overdose deaths from prescription opioids, which

1 include oxycodone, hydrocodone, percocet and methadone, are a
2 driving factor in the 15-year increase in opioid overdose
3 deaths; and

4 WHEREAS, The newest estimates show that the abuse of opioids
5 costs employers in the United States approximately \$18 billion
6 in sick days, lost productivity and medical expenses; and

7 WHEREAS, Prescription opioids are often recommended for low
8 back, neck and musculoskeletal pain; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 100 million Americans suffer from chronic
10 pain and an estimated 75% to 85% of all Americans will
11 experience some form of back pain during their lifetime; and

12 WHEREAS, Numerous published studies, including *The Lancet*
13 published in March of 2018, document spinal manipulation as
14 effective for the management of low back pain; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 month of October 2019 as "Chiropractic Health Month" in
17 Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives raise public
19 awareness that chiropractic care is the primary first-line,
20 nonpharmacological approach to safely and effectively relieve
21 acute, sub-acute and chronic pain.