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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY RAPP, OWLETT, ULLMAN, JONES, HILL-EVANS, KAUFFMAN, HOHENSTEIN, ISAACSON, BURNS, BOBACK, SCHWEYER, BARRAR, FEE, HANBIDGE, ROTHMAN, TOMLINSON, CAUSER, BROWN, PICKETT, SCHLEGEL CULVER, SNYDER, MACKENZIE, KIRKLAND, DRISCOLL, PYLE, T. DAVIS, MIZGORSKI, LONGIETTI, SONNEY, A. DAVIS, ROZZI, MILLARD, SCHMITT, MENTZER, POLINCHOCK, NELSON, STRUZZI AND MEHAFFIE, MAY 12, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 12, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 10 through May 16, 2020, as  
2 "National 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, seven days a week, providing acute inpatient care  
6 as 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 41 trauma centers, seven burn centers and the 15  
10 critical access hospitals that provide care for the most rural  
11 populations in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to seven medical degree-  
13 granting medical schools and 289 nursing programs, as well as  
14 numerous academic medical centers and teaching hospitals that  
15 train future health care providers and invest in critical health

1 research; and

2 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921, in  
3 Chicago, as an event to build trust during the Spanish influenza  
4 outbreak; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals today are multidimensional  
12 organizations that partner with many other organizations in  
13 their communities to offer care with a focus on population  
14 health, 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 \$764.8 million in uncompensated care  
18 during 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed more than \$136.1  
20 billion to this Commonwealth's economy during 2018; and

21 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading  
22 employers in their communities and provide approximately 654,000  
23 total jobs, directly and indirectly; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2020 hospitals have served as our front line  
25 defense in this Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19  
26 pandemic; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 10  
28 through 16, 2020, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania;  
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members

1 to visit the hospitals in their communities to learn about the  
2 innovative, quality care and services that are improving the  
3 health and quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.