
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center's
2 50th anniversary on October 14, 2020; and recognizing the
3 health care workers at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey
4 Medical Center who deliver safe and compassionate health care
5 services that improve the health and quality of life for
6 residents of the central Pennsylvania region.

7 WHEREAS, In 1963, Samuel L. Hinkle, former president and
8 chairman of the Hershey Chocolate Corporation, contacted Dr.
9 Eric E. Walker, former president of The Pennsylvania State
10 University, to discuss the establishment of a medical school and
11 teaching hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, The M.S. Hershey Foundation gave a \$50 million gift
13 to The Pennsylvania State University for the project, which
14 combined with the \$21.3 million received from the United States
15 Public Health Service allowed The Pennsylvania State University
16 to build Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and
17 Penn State College of Medicine; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1966, construction began for Penn State Health

1 Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of
2 Medicine; and

3 WHEREAS, Penn State College of Medicine opened its doors to
4 the first class of students in 1967, awarded its first degree in
5 1969 and graduated its first full class during 1971; and

6 WHEREAS, The Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical
7 Center accepted its first patient on October 14, 1970; and

8 WHEREAS, During the last 50 years, Penn State Health Milton
9 S. Hershey Medical Center has been a pioneer in health care
10 delivery, clinical innovation and medical research; and

11 WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
12 has been on the leading-edge of health care innovation,
13 including the accomplishment of all of the following health care
14 milestones:

15 (1) The development of the world's first artificial
16 heart.

17 (2) The establishment of the nation's first Department
18 of Family Medicine and Department of Humanities.

19 (3) The discovery of vaccine testing, which has led to
20 the development of the cervical cancer vaccine.

21 (4) Leading the use of clinical simulation.

22 (5) Recently, becoming 1 of approximately 100 hospitals
23 internationally participating in an ongoing study of the
24 investigational antiviral drug remdesivir for treatment of
25 COVID-19;

26 and

27 WHEREAS, Penn State College of Medicine received more than
28 \$102 million in research funding for fiscal year 2020, with \$70
29 million from the National Institutes of Health, the highest
30 amount of funding provided by the National Institutes of Health

1 in a year to date; and

2 WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center,
3 with 564 beds, is recognized as one of the nation's premier
4 academic health care centers, providing high-level and patient-
5 focused medical care; and

6 WHEREAS, The Hershey campus includes all of the following:

7 (1) Penn State Children's Hospital, the region's only
8 children's hospital.

9 (2) Institutes focused on cancer, heart and vascular
10 disease and the neurosciences.

11 (3) Penn State College of Medicine;

12 and

13 WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
14 has the only Level 1 Trauma Center for both adult and pediatric
15 patients in this Commonwealth, which has served more than 1.2
16 million people; and

17 WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
18 and Penn State College of Medicine employ more than 11,000
19 people, including 1,100 physicians and health care providers and
20 2,288 nurses; and

21 WHEREAS, Through the efforts of thousands of staff, faculty
22 and students, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
23 and Penn State College of Medicine have built upon the legacy of
24 Milton S. Hershey and expanded substantially the reach of The
25 Pennsylvania State University by improving the health and the
26 quality of life of this Commonwealth and our nation; therefore
27 be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate Penn
29 State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center's 50th anniversary
30 on October 14, 2020; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 health care workers at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey
3 Medical Center, who deliver safe and compassionate health care
4 services that improve the health and quality of life for
5 residents of the central Pennsylvania region.