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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, HUGHES,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 27 through February 2, 2019, as  
2 "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has strong roots in the field of  
4 anesthesiology, beginning in 1772 with Joseph Priestley, a  
5 Pennsylvanian who first discovered nitrous oxide, which is still  
6 being used today as an anesthetic; and

7 WHEREAS, Since this breakthrough, the field of anesthesiology  
8 has grown into a medical specialty where physician  
9 anesthesiologists must complete 12,000 to 16,000 hours of  
10 extensive training prior to practicing independently; and

11 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in  
12 a patient's well-being before, during and after surgical  
13 procedures; and

14 WHEREAS, A physician anesthesiologist's duties include  
15 evaluating a patient's current health prior to receiving  
16 anesthesia to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia,  
17 monitoring the patient during surgery and assessing the patient

1 after the procedure is completed; and

2 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than 100 million  
3 surgeries and procedures are performed with anesthesia and  
4 approximately 1.8 million of those procedures are performed in  
5 hospitals in this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there  
7 remains potential for complications and side effects during  
8 procedures, and physician anesthesiologists have the training  
9 and expertise to help minimize these risks, monitor for any  
10 problems and take quick action if necessary; and

11 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, physician  
12 anesthesiologists are specifically trained to respond to  
13 emergencies and ensure the best patient outcomes; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists is a  
15 physician organization with more than 1,900 members dedicated to  
16 promoting the highest standards of the profession of  
17 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continued medical  
18 education and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and  
19 their patients; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of January 27  
21 through February 2, 2019, as "Physician Anesthesiologist Week"  
22 in Pennsylvania.