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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 14 through 20, 2019, as "National  
2 Osteopathic Medicine Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are currently 145,343 osteopathic physicians  
4 (DOs) and osteopathic medical students in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the nation's leader in osteopathic  
6 medicine with more than 8,500 licensed DOs; and

7 WHEREAS, One in four medical students in the United States  
8 attends an osteopathic medical school; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania benefits from the education of  
10 osteopathic medical students at the Lake Erie College of  
11 Osteopathic Medicine, the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic  
12 Medicine at Seton Hill and the Philadelphia College of  
13 Osteopathic Medicine; and

14 WHEREAS, DOs have made tremendous contributions to the  
15 American health care system, including treating United States  
16 presidents and Olympic athletes, serving as Surgeon General of  
17 the United States Army and sitting on nationwide health care

1 panels; and

2 WHEREAS, DOs have a strong tradition of ensuring patients in  
3 all parts of the country have access to health care,  
4 particularly in rural and medically underserved communities; and

5 WHEREAS, DOs practice a hands-on, whole-body approach, which  
6 includes osteopathic manipulative medicine, to diagnose health  
7 problems, treat dysfunctions, preserve good health and prevent  
8 the spread of disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's osteopathic physicians are dedicated  
10 to improving the health of their community through education and  
11 awareness-based efforts, as well as by delivering quality health  
12 services; and

13 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth recognizes the need for  
14 osteopathic physicians who are committed to improving the health  
15 of all Americans; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 14  
17 through 20, 2019, as "National Osteopathic Medicine Week" in  
18 Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all residents and community  
20 organizations in this Commonwealth to support this observance by  
21 helping to educate individuals about osteopathic physicians and  
22 osteopathic medicine.