
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, MENSCH, HUGHES, FONTANA, FARNESE, BLAKE,
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K. WARD, APRIL 9, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 9, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2019 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For 56 years, this Commonwealth's community colleges
4 have provided accessible and affordable higher education,
5 workforce training and transfer opportunities for millions of
6 Pennsylvania residents; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania community colleges serve more than
8 312,000 students across all of this Commonwealth's counties, and
9 94% of credit students are residents; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of every four undergraduates of this
11 Commonwealth attends a community college; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve nontraditional students,
13 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans in this
14 Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer increased access through
16 online education courses and programs, allowing students to
17 build their academic credentials and certifications while

1 maintaining their work schedules and family responsibilities;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway
4 to the baccalaureate through more than 5,396 transfer and
5 articulation agreements to ensure that students seamlessly
6 transition from community college to a four-year degree, with
7 more than 35,000 students transferring each year; and

8 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in
9 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to this
10 Commonwealth's economy, particularly in health care, public
11 safety, manufacturing and energy; and

12 WHEREAS, Seventy-one percent of credit programs support high-
13 priority occupations; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and
15 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the workforce
16 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

17 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 71 new or
18 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers
19 and workforce trends; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 1,600 employers throughout this
21 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide
22 training for more employees, and 95,000 employees have been
23 trained by community colleges throughout Pennsylvania; therefore
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2019
26 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in Pennsylvania; and
27 be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all residents to
29 recognize, appreciate and support the contributions these
30 institutions make to their communities and our Commonwealth.