
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 7, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as "National
2 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, 7 days a week, providing acute inpatient care as
6 well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral health,
7 rehabilitation, long-term and home care; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 41 trauma centers, 7 burn centers and
9 15 critical access hospitals deliver specialized care for the
10 most rural populations in this Commonwealth; and

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

15 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921, in
16 Chicago, as an event to build trust following the Spanish

1 influenza outbreak; and

2 WHEREAS, The observance is a reminder that hospitals are
3 foundations of the communities that built them, serving people
4 from all walks of life; and

5 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and
6 the people who support the health of their communities with
7 dedication and compassion; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are multidimensional,
9 partnering with other community organizations to offer health
10 care services that focus on health promotion, disease prevention
11 and wellness; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free health care
13 services to individuals who have no health insurance or
14 inadequate health insurance coverage, providing nearly \$778.5
15 million in uncompensated care during 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed more than \$128.9
17 billion to this Commonwealth's economy during 2017; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading
19 employers in their communities, providing approximately 650,000
20 jobs, directly and indirectly; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 12
22 through 18, 2019, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania;
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge its members to visit the
25 hospitals in their communities to learn about the innovative,
26 quality care and services that are improving the health and
27 well-being of residents of this Commonwealth.