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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2019 as "Chiropractic Health  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania-licensed doctors of chiropractic are  
4 educated and trained to effectively address spinal and  
5 neuromusculoskeletal pain with nonsurgical, nondrug management;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Prescription opioid use and abuse leading to  
8 addiction and catastrophic outcomes has become a national  
9 crisis; and

10 WHEREAS, The leading cause of injury death in the United  
11 States is drug overdose and a majority of the deaths from drug  
12 overdoses involved an opioid; and

13 WHEREAS, From 1999 until 2017, more than 400,000 people in  
14 the United States died from prescription opioid-related  
15 overdose, with more than 70,000 of those deaths occurring in  
16 2017 at the rate of 130 overdose deaths per day; and

1       WHEREAS, Overdose deaths from prescription opioids, which  
2 include oxycodone, hydrocodone, percocet and methadone, are a  
3 driving factor in the 15-year increase in opioid overdose  
4 deaths; and

5       WHEREAS, The newest estimates show that the abuse of opioids  
6 costs employers in the United States approximately \$18 billion  
7 in sick days, lost productivity and medical expenses; and

8       WHEREAS, Prescription opioids are often recommended for low  
9 back, neck and musculoskeletal pain; and

10       WHEREAS, More than 100 million Americans suffer from chronic  
11 pain and an estimated 75% to 85% of all Americans will  
12 experience some form of back pain during their lifetime; and

13       WHEREAS, Numerous published studies, including *The Lancet*  
14 published in March of 2018, document spinal manipulation as  
15 effective for the management of low back pain; therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2019  
17 as "Chiropractic Health Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
18 further

19       RESOLVED, That the Senate raise public awareness that  
20 chiropractic care is the primary first-line, nonpharmacological  
21 approach to safely and effectively relieve acute, sub-acute and  
22 chronic pain.