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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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PITTMAN, MENSCH, VOGEL, STEFANO, YUDICHAK, HUTCHINSON AND  
BARTOLOTTA, MAY 4, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 4, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 9 through 15, 2021, 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, seven days a week, providing acute inpatient care  
6 as well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral health,  
7 rehabilitation, long-term and home care; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 42 trauma centers, seven burn centers  
9 and 16 critical access hospitals deliver specialized care for  
10 the 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  
17 influenza outbreak; and

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

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

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

11       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free health care  
12 services to individuals who have no health insurance or  
13 inadequate health insurance coverage, providing nearly \$836.5  
14 million in uncompensated care during 2019; and

15       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed more than \$143  
16 billion to this Commonwealth's economy during 2019; and

17       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading  
18 employers in their communities, supporting approximately 660,000  
19 jobs, directly and indirectly; therefore be it

20       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 9 through  
21 15, 2021, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
22 further

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