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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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PHILLIPS-HILL, STREET, FONTANA, J. WARD, MARTIN, COSTA AND  
SCHWANK, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2021 as "National Physical  
2 Therapy Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, What we now celebrate as "National Physical Therapy  
4 Month" began in 1981 as "National Physical Therapy Week" and was  
5 celebrated in June; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1992, "National Physical Therapy Week" became  
7 "National Physical Therapy Month"; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Physical Therapy Month" has grown in  
9 popularity over the years and it is now a recognized celebration  
10 in the National Health Observances Calendar; and

11 WHEREAS, "National Physical Therapy Month" provides an  
12 opportunity for physical therapists and physical therapist  
13 assistants nationwide to educate their communities about who  
14 physical therapists are and what they can do; and

15 WHEREAS, Physical therapists are experts in restoring and  
16 improving the motion that is so crucial to a patient's well-  
17 being; and

1       WHEREAS, Physical therapists provide the following services  
2 for their patients:

3           (1) improve mobility and quality of life, in many cases  
4 without surgery or prescription drugs;

5           (2) apply their intensive education and clinical  
6 experience to restore motion to the patient's life; and

7           (3) teach patients how to prevent or manage their health  
8 condition so that they will achieve an improved quality of  
9 life;

10 and

11       WHEREAS, Physical therapists can help baby boomers address  
12 the physical challenges of aging, including loss of flexibility,  
13 strength and balance; and

14       WHEREAS, Most physical therapy education programs graduate  
15 doctors of physical therapy; and

16       WHEREAS, During the month of October, many physical  
17 therapists will be conducting open houses, fitness walks,  
18 seminars and other special events; therefore be it

19       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2021  
20 as "National Physical Therapy Month" in Pennsylvania.