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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, MARTIN, KANE, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL,  
BROWNE AND COSTA, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2022 as "National Chiropractic  
2 Health Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The opioid crisis continues to take a toll on the  
4 health and lives of millions of Americans and has worsened in  
5 some communities during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and  
7 Prevention (CDC), as many as one in four patients who receive  
8 prescription opioids long term for noncancer pain struggles with  
9 addiction; and

10 WHEREAS, From the years 1999 through 2020, more than 260,000  
11 people died in the United States from overdoses involving  
12 prescription opioids; and

13 WHEREAS, The interest in and need for greater access to safe  
14 and effective noninvasive, nondrug approaches to pain management  
15 has increased; and

16 WHEREAS, The American College of Physicians released updated  
17 low-back pain treatment guidelines in 2017 that promote the use  
18 of noninvasive, nondrug approaches such as spinal manipulation

as a first line of defense against back pain, before the use of pain medications and surgery; and

WHEREAS, The CDC in its draft 2022 prescribing guidelines also promotes diverse approaches and varied pain management solutions and specifically encourages use of nondrug therapies as a first line of treatment for subacute and chronic pain and even some types of acute pain; and

WHEREAS, Doctors of chiropractic, who focus on the whole person with their noninvasive, nondrug treatments for pain management, most notably spinal manipulation, can play an important role in helping patients lessen their reliance on pain medications; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing body of research supporting the early use of chiropractic spinal manipulation in helping patients with chronic low-back pain to reduce or eliminate a later need for prescription opioid pain medications and surgery; and

WHEREAS, With the theme "Chiropractic: On the Frontline for Pain," National Chiropractic Health Month 2022 serves as a reminder that nondrug treatments are available for low-back pain; and

WHEREAS, Spinal manipulation provided by doctors of chiropractic can help to lessen or eliminate the need for riskier, potentially addictive treatments and should be utilized where appropriate before starting prescription opioid pain medications; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2022 as "National Chiropractic Health Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate officially join with the American

1 Chiropractic Association in proclaiming the month of October  
2 2022 as "National Chiropractic Health Month."