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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 2, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 7 through 13, 2023, as "National  
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The hardworking professionals of Pennsylvania's  
4 hospitals and health systems ensure that every Commonwealth  
5 resident can receive high-quality health care 24 hours a day, 7  
6 days a week, 365 days a year; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout the many waves and ever-changing  
8 circumstances of the pandemic, opioid emergency and behavioral  
9 health crisis, and despite the physical and emotional toll on  
10 themselves and their families, Pennsylvania's hospital and  
11 health system professionals never waiver in caring for our  
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite enduring the most challenging shared health  
14 crises of our lifetimes, Pennsylvania's hospitals still provided  
15 \$884 million in uncompensated care to members of our communities  
16 in 2021; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's hospitals work to keep our families

1 whole and strong via, among other services, 50 trauma centers  
2 that save more than 46,000 lives on average each year since 2016  
3 and obstetric units that delivered nearly 125,000 babies in  
4 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's hospitals provided 1.5 million  
6 instances of in-patient treatment as well as emergency  
7 department care more than 5.4 million times in 2021; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania takes pride in its 118 teaching  
9 hospitals that are investing in the next generation of  
10 lifesaving health practitioners and 40 hospitals that are  
11 recognized with the prestigious "Magnet" designation by the  
12 American Nurses Credentialing Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Hospitals are the largest employer in 18  
14 Pennsylvania counties and among the top 10 employers in 41  
15 additional counties; and

16 WHEREAS, Hospitals and health systems are responsible for 1  
17 in 10 jobs across the Commonwealth, including more than 267,000  
18 of our families, friends and neighbors directly employed and  
19 more than 323,000 more supported by hospital-generated industry;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Hospitals and their affiliated medical schools bring  
22 close to \$2 billion in Federal health care research grants into  
23 the Commonwealth and generate approximately \$168 billion in  
24 other economic activity in State and local economies, accounting  
25 for approximately 20% of Pennsylvania's gross domestic product;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and  
28 the people who support the health of their communities with  
29 dedication and compassion; and

30 WHEREAS, This observance is a reminder that hospitals are

1 foundations of the communities that built them, serving people  
2 from all walks of life; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
4 week of May 7 through 13, 2023, as "National Hospital Week" in  
5 Pennsylvania; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives thank front-line  
7 health care workers and hospital employees for their dedicated  
8 service to the residents of Pennsylvania; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents to  
10 show appreciation to hospital workers for their devotion and  
11 compassion even in the most difficult of circumstances; and be  
12 it further

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members  
14 to visit the hospitals in their communities to learn about the  
15 innovative, quality care and services that are improving the  
16 health and well-being of residents of this Commonwealth.