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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND GREEN, JANUARY 31, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 31, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2024, as "National  
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The hardworking professionals of this Commonwealth's  
4 hospitals and health systems ensure that every resident of this  
5 Commonwealth can receive high-quality health care 24 hours a  
6 day, seven 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, this Commonwealth's hospital and  
11 health system professionals never wavered in caring for our  
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's hospitals provided nearly \$9  
14 billion in uncompensated care to members of our communities in  
15 fiscal year 2022; and

16 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's hospitals work to keep our

1 families whole and strong via, among other services, 52 trauma  
2 centers that saved more than 46,000 lives on average each year  
3 since 2016 and obstetric units that delivered more than 124,000  
4 babies in fiscal year 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's hospitals provided 1.4 million  
6 instances of in-patient treatment and more than 5.5 million  
7 instances of emergency department care in fiscal year 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth takes pride in its 122 teaching  
9 hospitals that are investing in the next generation of  
10 lifesaving health care practitioners and 30 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 21 counties in  
14 this Commonwealth and among the top 10 employers in 37  
15 additional counties in this Commonwealth; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Hospitals and their affiliated medical schools bring  
22 nearly \$1.9 billion in Federal health care research grants into  
23 this Commonwealth and generate approximately \$182 billion in  
24 other economic activity for our State and local economies,  
25 accounting for approximately 20% of this Commonwealth's gross  
26 domestic product; and

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

30 WHEREAS, The observance of "National Hospital Week" is a

1 reminder that hospitals are the foundations of the communities  
2 that built them, serving individuals from all walks of life;  
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
5 week of May 12 through 18, 2024, as "National Hospital Week" in  
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives thank frontline  
8 health care workers and hospital employees for their dedicated  
9 service to the residents of this Commonwealth; and be it further

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

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