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2 therapists practicing in the state of Indiana to do their part of
3 creating public awareness of physical therapy's role in reducing
4 the opioid epidemic and the treatment of chronic pain.

5 *Whereas, One in four individuals who receive long-term*
6 *prescription opioids for non-cancer pain in primary care*
7 *settings battle addiction, and 91 Americans die every day from*
8 *an opioid overdose;*

9 *Whereas, Individuals who are addicted to prescription*
10 *opioid painkillers are 40 times more likely to become addicted*
11 *to heroin;*

12 *Whereas, There has been a 200% increase in the rate of*
13 *overdose deaths involving opioid pain relievers and heroin*
14 *since 2000;*

15 *Whereas, Indiana exceeded all but eight states in the*
16 *number of pain prescriptions written per 100 people in 2012,*
17 *indicating there were enough opioid prescriptions for every*
18 *Hoosier to have his/her own bottle of pain pills;*

19 *Whereas, In 2016 in Indiana, opioid pain relievers were*
20 *responsible for the deaths of 488 individuals;*

21 *Whereas, The American Physical Therapy Association*
22 *declares physical therapy as a safe and effective alternative for*
23 *the treatment of pain and enhancement of health, well-being,*



1 *and quality of life through movement and education;*

2 *Whereas, The Indiana Chapter of the American Physical*
3 *Therapy Association is participating in the #ChoosePT*
4 *campaign to advocate for physical therapy as an alternative*
5 *treatment to opioid prescriptions for treating chronic pain*
6 *rather than masking the pain;*

7 *Whereas The #ChoosePT campaign emphasizes the*
8 *importance of therapeutic alliance with patients to create an*
9 *environment where patients feel heard when describing their*
10 *pain, and also are willing to listen to education and risk factors*
11 *regarding long-term use of opioids and discuss current or*
12 *potential substance abuse behaviors; and*

13 *Whereas, The #ChoosePT campaign identifies resources,*
14 *such as pain profiles, to develop a plan of care to treat patient*
15 *pain and determine realistic functional goals based on patient*
16 *presentation: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
18 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
20 encourages physical therapists practicing in the state of Indiana
21 to do their part in creating public awareness of physical
22 therapy's role in reducing the opioid epidemic and the treatment
23 of chronic pain. #ChoosePT.

24 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby
25 directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana
26 Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association.

