
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 220 Session of
2017

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MILLARD, A. HARRIS, ROEBUCK, BENNINGHOFF, BIZZARRO, GOODMAN
AND V. BROWN, APRIL 7, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 7, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 7 through 13, 2017, as "National
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems ensure
4 that health care services are available in this Commonwealth 24
5 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing acute inpatient care as
6 well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral health,
7 rehabilitation, long-term and home care services; and

8 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by
9 Pennsylvania's 40 trauma centers, 6 burn centers and 15 critical
10 access hospitals that provide care for the most rural
11 populations in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to seven academic medical
13 centers and numerous teaching hospitals and medical schools that
14 train future health care providers and invest in critical health
15 research; and

1 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921, in
2 Chicago, as an event to build trust during the Spanish influenza
3 outbreak; and

4 WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals
5 are foundations of the community and serve people from all walks
6 of life; and

7 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and
8 the men and women who support the health of their communities
9 through dedication and compassionate care; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are multidimensional
11 organizations that partner with many other organizations in
12 their communities to offer care with a focus on population
13 health, prevention and wellness; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free care to those
15 who have no health care insurance or inadequate insurance
16 coverage, providing more than \$1 billion in uncompensated care
17 annually; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2015, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed \$115
19 billion to this Commonwealth's economy; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading
21 employers in their communities, providing more than 625,000
22 total jobs, directly and indirectly; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 7
24 through 13, 2017, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members
27 to visit the hospitals in their communities to learn about the
28 innovative, quality care and services that are improving the
29 health and quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.