
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 23, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 24, 2017, as "Emergency Medical Services for
2 Children Day" in Pennsylvania and acknowledging the special
3 medical care needs of children.

4 WHEREAS, More than 30 million children receive emergency
5 medical care each year due to illness or injury; and

6 WHEREAS, The needs of children are different from the needs
7 of adults in medical emergencies; and

8 WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) is a
9 program administered by the United States Department of Health
10 and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration
11 Maternal and Child Health Bureau that works tirelessly to ensure
12 that all children and adolescents receive appropriate emergency
13 medical care no matter where they live, attend school or travel;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council
16 (PEHSC) is a nonprofit organization that serves as an
17 independent advisory board to the Department of Health and other

1 State agencies and advocates for improvements in the quality and
2 delivery of emergency health care services throughout this
3 Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, The goal of EMSC is to help states and communities
5 prepare for a medical or traumatic emergency involving a child
6 through the provision of properly trained emergency personnel,
7 sufficiently equipped ambulances, pediatric-ready emergency
8 departments and well-defined pediatric treatment protocols and
9 procedures; and

10 WHEREAS, To help states and communities reduce child and
11 youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury, EMSC
12 relies on its established partnerships with the emergency
13 medical services (EMS) community as well as the physicians and
14 nurses who provide pediatric emergency care; and

15 WHEREAS, EMSC, the tens of thousands of EMS providers and
16 acute care professionals it serves and the more than 25
17 professional organizations with which it partners are committed
18 to improving the quality of emergency care children receive; and

19 WHEREAS, PEHSC is working to make this Commonwealth a
20 national leader in high-quality emergency medical services and
21 other health care services by partnering with other
22 organizations Statewide to heighten emphasis on advocacy and
23 legislative liaison, outcomes research, public education and
24 resources to enhance organizational management; and

25 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth values the accomplishments of EMSC
26 and PEHSC and the dedicated men and women who work tirelessly to
27 improve the quality of pediatric medical care; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 24,
29 2017, as "Emergency Medical Services for Children Day" in
30 Pennsylvania and acknowledge the special medical care needs of

1 children.