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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2017 as "Chiropractic Health  
2 and Wellness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Chiropractors focus on the whole person with a  
4 noninvasive, hands-on, nondrug approach to health care and pain  
5 management; and

6 WHEREAS, Chiropractic services are used most often to treat  
7 conditions such as back pain, neck pain, pain in the joints of  
8 the arms or legs and headaches; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the American Chiropractic Association,  
10 back pain remains one of the most prevalent and disabling  
11 conditions worldwide; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the American Chiropractic Association,  
13 back pain is one of the most common reasons that patients visit  
14 physicians and one of the most common conditions for which  
15 physicians prescribe pain medications; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and

1 Prevention, one in four patients who receive long-term  
2 prescription opioids for noncancer pain in primary care settings  
3 struggle with addiction; and

4 WHEREAS, The spread of opioid abuse has prompted the White  
5 House to announce it will designate the opioid crisis a national  
6 emergency; and

7 WHEREAS, The American College of Physicians released updated  
8 low-back pain treatment guidelines in 2017 that promote the use  
9 of noninvasive, nondrug approaches as a first line of defense  
10 against back pain before the use of pain medications and  
11 surgery; and

12 WHEREAS, Research has validated the effectiveness of  
13 chiropractic services such as spinal manipulation for the  
14 treatment of low-back pain leading many health care  
15 organizations to include chiropractic/spinal manipulation in  
16 guidelines for physicians; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
18 month of October 2017 as "Chiropractic Health and Awareness  
19 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents to  
21 seek out back injury prevention and strengthening tips as well  
22 as information on a noninvasive, hands-on, nondrug approach to  
23 health care and pain management.