
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 640 Session of 2018

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WARD AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 11, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 11, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 28 through February 3, 2018, as
2 "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than 100 million
4 operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia; and

5 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in
6 a patient's well-being before, during and after surgical
7 procedures and make patient safety their top priority; and

8 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists have the highest levels
9 of training and must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours of
10 training prior to practicing independently; and

11 WHEREAS, A physician anesthesiologist's duties include
12 evaluating a patient's current health prior to receiving
13 anesthesia to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia,
14 monitoring the patient during surgery and assessing the patient
15 after the procedure is completed; and

16 WHEREAS, This spectrum of patient care constitutes the

1 perioperative surgical home; and

2 WHEREAS, The American Society of Anesthesiologists has
3 identified the perioperative surgical home as an innovative
4 model of patient care where the physician anesthesiologist
5 directs the anesthesia care team to provide support to the
6 patient throughout all aspects of surgical care procedures and
7 beyond; and

8 WHEREAS, Anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there
9 remains potential for complications and side effects during
10 procedures, and physician anesthesiologists have the training
11 and expertise to help minimize these risks, monitor for any
12 problems and take quick action if necessary; and

13 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, when seconds count,
14 physician anesthesiologists have the highest degree of training
15 to respond to emergencies and ensure the best patient outcomes;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists is a
18 physician organization with more than 1,400 members dedicated to
19 promoting the highest standards of the profession of
20 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continuing medical
21 education and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and
22 their patients; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
24 week of January 28 through February 3, 2018, as "Physician
25 Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania.