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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAY 2, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 2, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 8 through 14, 2016, 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 34 trauma centers, 6 burn centers and 14 critical  
10 access hospitals that provide care for the most rural  
11 populations in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to six academic medical centers  
13 and numerous teaching hospitals and medical schools that train  
14 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 communities that built them and serve  
6 people from all walks of life in every community; 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 today 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, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed \$111 billion to  
19 this Commonwealth's economy during 2014; and

20       WHEREAS, Hospitals are among the leading employers in their  
21 communities, providing nearly 591,000 total jobs, directly and  
22 indirectly; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 8  
24 through 14, 2016, 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.