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SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 20 through 24, 2014, as
2 "National Medical Assistants Recognition Week" in
3 Pennsylvania and celebrating the important healing and care
4 done by medical assistants in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, The health of all Pennsylvanians depends upon
6 educated minds and trained hands; and

7 WHEREAS, The practice of modern medicine at the exacting
8 standards that society now enjoys and expects would become
9 impossible to achieve and maintain without the clinical and
10 administrative duties performed daily in physicians' offices,
11 clinics, laboratories and hospitals; and

12 WHEREAS, In the specialized world of health care, medical
13 assistants stand out as versatile professionals who operate as
14 multi-skilled practitioners and perform a wide range of roles in
15 physicians' offices and other health care settings; and

1 WHEREAS, Medical assistants must work proficiently at a
2 multitude of administrative and clinical tasks; and

3 WHEREAS, Doctors view medical assistants as vital partners
4 that increase medical office productivity and provide efficient
5 and caring service to all patients; and

6 WHEREAS, Medical assistants may demonstrate their knowledge
7 and commitment to professionalism by earning the Certified
8 Medical Assistant (CMA) credential offered by the American
9 Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the Registered
10 Medical Assistant credential offered by American Medical
11 Technologists (AMT); and

12 WHEREAS, Candidates who earn a CMA credential have
13 successfully completed a certification examination administered
14 by the certifying board of the AAMA and enjoy increased respect
15 and recognition from their professional peers and employers; and

16 WHEREAS, The examination tests general medical knowledge,
17 including terminology, anatomy, physiology, behavioral science,
18 medical law and ethics; administrative knowledge, including
19 medical records management, collections and insurance
20 processing; and clinical knowledge, including examination room
21 techniques, medication preparation and administration,
22 pharmacology and specimen collection; and

23 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Society of
24 Medical Assistants (PSMA) may assist medical assistants from
25 across this Commonwealth and is an affiliate of the AAMA; and

26 WHEREAS, As an affiliate, the PSMA works to provide the
27 medical assistant professionals with education, certification,
28 credential acknowledgment, networking opportunities, scope-of-
29 practice protection and advocacy for quality patient-centered
30 health care; and

1 WHEREAS, Both the AAMA and the AMT recognize the week of
2 October 20 through 24, 2014, as Medical Assistants Recognition
3 Week; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports
5 that nearly 25,000 Pennsylvanians work as medical assistants in
6 this Commonwealth, forming an important part of the medical and
7 general labor force; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
9 20 through 24, 2014, as "National Medical Assistants Recognition
10 Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the quality care,
11 support and vital services provided by medical assistants in
12 this Commonwealth; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 important service provided to the profession in this
15 Commonwealth by the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants
16 as well as the American Association of Medical Assistants and
17 American Medical Technologists; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That members of the House of Representatives take
19 initiative to recognize local medical assistants working in
20 their communities for the important assistance they provide in
21 helping to heal and care for patients.