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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VANCE, AUMENT, BAKER, MENSCH, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN,  
HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF,  
PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, WHITE, COSTA, FONTANA, SMITH,  
TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK AND YUDICHAK, MAY 4, 2015

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 4, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 10 through 16, 2015, as "National  
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's hospitals deliver health care  
4 services to all the people of this Commonwealth, providing acute  
5 inpatient care, as well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral  
6 health, rehabilitation, long-term and home care services; and

7 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by 34 trauma  
8 centers, six burn centers and 13 critical access hospitals that  
9 provide care for the State's most rural population; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to six academic medical centers  
11 and numerous teaching hospitals and medical schools, which train  
12 future health care providers and invest in critical health  
13 research; and

14 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921 in  
15 Chicago as an event to build trust after the Spanish flu  
16 outbreak; and

17 WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals

1 are foundations of the communities that build them, and that  
2 hospitals serve people in every community from all walks of  
3 life; and

4 WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and  
5 the men and women who support the health of their communities  
6 through dedication and compassionate care; and

7 WHEREAS, The theme for "National Hospital Week" this year is  
8 "Where Miracles Happen Every Day"; and

9 WHEREAS, Hospitals today are multidimensional environments  
10 that offer every medical specialty and also focus on population  
11 health, prevention and wellness; and

12 WHEREAS, Hospitals provide free care to those who have no  
13 health care insurance or inadequate insurance coverage,  
14 providing more than \$1 billion in uncompensated care annually;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Hospitals contributed \$111 billion to Pennsylvania's  
17 economy during 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, Hospitals are among the leading employers in their  
19 communities, providing nearly 591,000 total jobs, directly and  
20 indirectly; and

21 WHEREAS, Hospitals are working with many other health and  
22 social service stakeholders in their communities to form  
23 partnerships for a healthy Pennsylvania; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 10  
25 through 16, 2015, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania;  
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge its members to visit the  
28 hospitals in their districts in recognition of the vital role  
29 that hospitals play in Pennsylvania's communities and health  
30 care delivery system.