
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, HUGHES, STREET, SCAVELLO, BROOKS,
MARTIN, SCHWANK, BROWNE AND COMITTA, MAY 7, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 7, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 9 through 15, 2021, as "Skilled
2 Nursing Care Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Established by the American Health Care Association
4 in 1967 and always beginning on Mother's Day, "National Skilled
5 Nursing Care Week" provides an opportunity for residents and
6 their loved ones, staff, volunteers and surrounding communities
7 to recognize the role of skilled nursing care centers in caring
8 for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 112,000 nurses and staff work in more
10 than 690 skilled nursing care facilities that care for more than
11 64,000 residents in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is stronger because we honor and
13 respect our elders, and residents of any age with physical or
14 intellectual disabilities, who reside at a skilled nursing or
15 post-acute care center throughout this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, These residents bring a wealth of experience and
17 knowledge to their increasingly active roles in today's society,

1 and their past contributions and future participation are a
2 vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community
3 life and activity; and

4 WHEREAS, Every skilled nursing care center embodies a unique
5 and vibrant spirit and community for residents, volunteers and
6 staff alike; and

7 WHEREAS, Acts of kindness, generosity and compassion from
8 proud veterans, immigrants and hardworking people of different
9 faiths fill each center; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past year, despite the challenges of the
11 pandemic, skilled care centers and their staff have shown an
12 incredible and steadfast commitment to providing quality care
13 and ensuring the safety of their residents; and

14 WHEREAS, During "National Skilled Nursing Care Week," skilled
15 nursing care centers are uniting under the theme "Together
16 Through the Seasons" to honor the collaborative commitment of
17 skilled nursing care facilities and their staff in providing
18 compassionate care to their residents during this pandemic; and

19 WHEREAS, Nurses and staff at skilled nursing care facilities
20 are on the front lines in caring for and protecting one of this
21 Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations through unprecedented
22 times; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 9 through
24 15, 2021, as "Skilled Nursing Care Week" in Pennsylvania; and be
25 it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate and acknowledge the:

27 (1) accomplishments and hard work of the staff of
28 skilled nursing care facilities in Pennsylvania and across
29 the United States; and

30 (2) resiliency of staff and patients alike at skilled

1 nursing care facilities across this Commonwealth and the
2 United States throughout the COVID-19 crisis.