
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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HILL AND SCHWANK, OCTOBER 25, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 25, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2023 as "National Physical
2 Therapy Month" and October 21, 2023, as "Global Physical
3 Therapy Day of Service" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, What we now celebrate as "National Physical Therapy
5 Month" began in 1981 as "National Physical Therapy Week" and was
6 celebrated in June; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1992, "National Physical Therapy Week" became
8 "National Physical Therapy Month"; and

9 WHEREAS, "National Physical Therapy Month" has grown in
10 popularity over the years, and it is now a recognized
11 celebration in the National Health Observances Calendar; and

12 WHEREAS, "National Physical Therapy Month" provides an
13 opportunity for physical therapists and physical therapist
14 assistants nationwide to educate their communities about who
15 physical therapists are and what they can do; and

16 WHEREAS, Physical therapists are experts in restoring and
17 improving the motion that is so crucial to a patient's well-
18 being; and

1 WHEREAS, Physical therapists provide the following services
2 for their patients:

3 (1) improve mobility and quality of life, in many cases
4 without surgery or prescription drugs;

5 (2) apply their intensive education and clinical
6 experience to restore motion to the patient's life; and

7 (3) teach patients how to prevent or manage their health
8 condition so that they will achieve an improved quality of
9 life;

10 and

11 WHEREAS, Physical therapists can help baby boomers address
12 the physical challenges of aging, including loss of flexibility,
13 strength and balance; and

14 WHEREAS, Most physical therapy education programs graduate
15 doctors of physical therapy; and

16 WHEREAS, During the month of October, many physical
17 therapists will be conducting open houses, fitness walks,
18 seminars and other special events; and

19 WHEREAS, October 21, 2023, is promoted by the American
20 Physical Therapy Association as "Global Physical Therapy Day of
21 Service" and offer its members the opportunity to engage and
22 support the communities in which they serve; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2023
24 as "National Physical Therapy Month" and October 21, 2023, as
25 "Global Physical Therapy Day of Service" in Pennsylvania.