
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the physician assistant
2 profession.

3 WHEREAS, Quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered
4 health care, provided by physician assistants, contributes to
5 the well-being and quality of life of all patients in this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Physician assistants practice in all settings and
8 specialties, including the diagnosis and treatment of disease,
9 assisting in surgery and prescribing medications; and

10 WHEREAS, A valuable asset to the medical team, physician
11 assistants enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for
12 patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

13 WHEREAS, Physician assistants have been improving patient
14 outcomes and moving health care forward since the creation of
15 the profession in 1967; and

16 WHEREAS, For 50 years, physician assistants have earned the
17 trust of the general public for their dedication and

1 contributions to patients' lives; and

2 WHEREAS, For the next 50 years and beyond, physician
3 assistants will continue to work within the health care team to
4 make our health care system more effective, more efficient and
5 accessible while providing increased quality to patients;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 50th anniversary of
8 the physician assistant profession; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all Pennsylvania
10 residents to recognize physician assistants for the significant
11 impact they have made and the top-notch health care they have
12 provided over the past five decades.