
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, BROWNE, STREET, PHILLIPS-HILL, FONTANA,
HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, BREWSTER AND BROOKS, APRIL 21, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 18 through 24, 2022, as "National
2 Osteopathic Medicine Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are currently 168,701 osteopathic physicians
4 (DOs) in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the nation's leader in osteopathic
6 medicine with more than 12,289 licensed DOs in this Commonwealth
7 and 2,561 osteopathic medical students at the Philadelphia
8 College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, the Lake Erie
9 College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie, and Seton Hall; and

10 WHEREAS, DOs have made tremendous contributions to the
11 American health care system, including treating United States
12 presidents and Olympic athletes, serving as Surgeon General of
13 the United States Army, serving as Physician to the President of
14 the United States and sitting on nationwide health care panels;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, DOs have a strong tradition of ensuring that
17 patients in all parts of the country have access to health care,
18 particularly in rural and medically underserved communities; and

1 WHEREAS, DOs practice a hands-on, whole-body approach, which
2 includes osteopathic manipulative medicine, to diagnose health
3 problems, treat dysfunctions, preserve good health and prevent
4 the spread of disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's osteopathic physicians are dedicated
6 to improving the health of their community through education and
7 awareness-based efforts, as well as delivering quality health
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth recognizes the need for
10 osteopathic physicians who are committed to improving the health
11 of all Americans; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 18
13 through 24, 2022, as "National Osteopathic Medicine Week" in
14 Pennsylvania; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all residents and community
16 organizations in this Commonwealth to support this observance to
17 help educate individuals about DOs and osteopathic medicine.