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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 286 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, MENSCH, COSTA, FONTANA, COLLETT, SCHWANK,  
BROWNE, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, CAPPELLETTI, HUTCHINSON,  
KANE, KEARNEY, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO  
AND L. WILLIAMS, APRIL 26, 2022

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 26, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2022 as "Pennsylvania Community  
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For 59 years, this Commonwealth's community colleges  
4 have provided accessible and affordable higher education,  
5 workforce training and transfer opportunities for millions of  
6 Pennsylvania residents; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania community colleges serve more than a  
8 quarter of a million students across all of this Commonwealth's  
9 counties, and 97% of credit students are residents; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of every four undergraduates of this  
11 Commonwealth attends a community college; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve nontraditional students,  
13 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans in this  
14 Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer increased access through  
16 online education courses and programs, allowing students to  
17 build their academic credentials and certifications while

1 maintaining their work schedules and family responsibilities;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway  
4 to the baccalaureate through transfer and articulation  
5 agreements to ensure that students seamlessly transition from  
6 community college to a four-year degree, with more than 35,000  
7 students transferring each year; and

8 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in  
9 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to this  
10 Commonwealth's economy, particularly in health care, public  
11 safety, manufacturing and energy; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and  
13 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the workforce  
14 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

15 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 40 new or  
16 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers  
17 and workforce trends; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 1,800 employers throughout this  
19 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide  
20 training for employees, and 77,000 employees have been trained  
21 by community colleges throughout Pennsylvania; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2022  
23 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in Pennsylvania; and  
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all residents of this  
26 Commonwealth to recognize, appreciate and support the  
27 contributions these institutions make to their communities and  
28 our Commonwealth.