THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 24, 2022

A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the month of October 2022 as "National Physical Therapy Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, What we now celebrate as "National Physical Therapy
- 4 Month" began in 1981 as "National Physical Therapy Week" and was
- 5 celebrated in June; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 1992, "National Physical Therapy Week" became
- 7 "National Physical Therapy Month"; and
- 8 WHEREAS, "National Physical Therapy Month" has grown in
- 9 popularity over the years, and it is now a recognized
- 10 celebration in the National Health Observances Calendar; and
- 11 WHEREAS, "National Physical Therapy Month" provides an
- 12 opportunity for physical therapists and physical therapist
- 13 assistants nationwide to educate their communities about who
- 14 physical therapists are and what they can do; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Physical therapists are experts in restoring and
- 16 improving the motion that is so crucial to a patient's well-
- 17 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; therefore be it
- 19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2022
- 20 as "National Physical Therapy Month" in Pennsylvania.