## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of November 2022 as "Home Care and Hospice 1 Month" in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, The month of November is national "Home Care and 4 Hospice Month"; and 5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania Homecare 6 Association support and highlight the thousands of physicians, 7 nurses, home health aides, direct care workers, social workers, counselors, chaplains, therapists and volunteers who make a 8

9 life-changing difference for the patients and families they

10 serve in the home and community; and

11 WHEREAS, Home care, home health and hospice services provide 12 for an individual's health and social needs across the continuum 13 of life; and

14 WHEREAS, Home care, home health and hospice services serve 15 expectant mothers, infants, children, adults, individuals with 16 disabilities and the elderly, and provide love, comfort and 17 support at the end of life; and

18 WHEREAS, Home care, home health and hospice providers

provided aid to more than 450,000 Pennsylvanians in their homes
 last year; and

3 WHEREAS, Home care, home health and hospice services enable
4 Pennsylvanians to receive quality health and social services in
5 their own home, surrounded by family and friends; and
6 WHEREAS, These services support families by easing the
7 caregiver burden and helping to avoid the costs of institutional
8 care; and

9 WHEREAS, Home care, home health and hospice services build 10 upon a strong tradition of compassion and strive to keep 11 families together, while preserving an individual's independence 12 and dignity in the comfort of the home and the greater 13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, At a time in which demand for in-home care is at its 15 highest levels, home-based care providers are facing crisis-16 level workforce shortages requiring those who provide care to go 17 above and beyond in order to serve this Commonwealth's most 18 vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth encourages residents to learn more about options for care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones and health care professionals; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of November 2022 as "Home Care and Hospice Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate raise awareness of the remarkable commitment and dedication of the health care professionals and others providing home-based care; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Senate affirm the Commonwealth's commitment to promoting and supporting in-home care.

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