
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, MENSCH, LANGERHOLC, FONTANA, J. WARD,
MARTIN, KANE, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, BARTOLOTTA, KEARNEY,
ARGALL, COLLETT, STEFANO, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, COSTA AND
YUDICHAK, APRIL 27, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 27, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2021 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For 58 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 2021
23 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in Pennsylvania; and
24 be it further

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