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SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 19 through 23, 2015, as
2 "National Medical Assistants Recognition Week" in
3 Pennsylvania in recognition of the quality care, support and
4 vital services provided by medical assistants in this
5 Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, The health of all Pennsylvanians depends upon
7 educated minds and trained hands; and

8 WHEREAS, The practice of modern medicine at the exacting
9 standards that society now enjoys and expects would become
10 impossible to achieve and maintain without the clinical and
11 administrative duties performed daily in physicians' offices,
12 clinics, laboratories and hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, In the specialized world of health care, medical
14 assistants stand out as versatile professionals who operate as
15 multiskilled practitioners and perform a wide range of roles in
16 physicians' offices and other health care settings; and

WHEREAS, Medical assistants must work proficiently at a multitude of administrative and clinical tasks; and

WHEREAS, Doctors view medical assistants as vital partners who increase medical office productivity and provide efficient and caring service to all patients; and

WHEREAS, Medical assistants may demonstrate their knowledge and commitment to professionalism by earning the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credential offered by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the Registered Medical Assistant credential offered by American Medical Technologists (AMT); and

WHEREAS, Candidates who earn a CMA credential have successfully completed a certification examination administered by the certifying board of the AAMA and enjoy increased respect and recognition from their professional peers and employers; and

WHEREAS, The examination tests general medical knowledge, including terminology, anatomy, physiology, behavioral science, medical law and ethics; administrative knowledge, including medical records management, collections and insurance processing; and clinical knowledge, including examination room techniques, medication preparation and administration, pharmacology and specimen collection; and

WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants (PSMA) may assist medical assistants from across this Commonwealth and is an affiliate of the AAMA; and

WHEREAS, As an affiliate, the PSMA works to provide medical assistant professionals with education, certification, credential acknowledgment, networking opportunities, scope-of-practice protection and advocacy for quality patient-centered health care; and

1 WHEREAS, Both the AAMA and the AMT recognize the week of
2 October 19 through 23, 2015, as "Medical Assistants Recognition
3 Week"; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports
5 that nearly 25,000 Pennsylvanians work as medical assistants in
6 this Commonwealth, forming an important part of the medical and
7 general labor force; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 week of October 19 through 23, 2015, as "National Medical
10 Assistants Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition of
11 the quality care, support and vital services provided by medical
12 assistants in this Commonwealth; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 important service provided to the profession in this
15 Commonwealth by the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants,
16 as well as the American Association of Medical Assistants and
17 American Medical Technologists; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That members of the House of Representatives take
19 initiative to recognize local medical assistants working in
20 their communities for the important assistance they provide in
21 helping to heal and care for patients.