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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 5, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 10 through 16, 2015, as "National  
2 Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's hospitals deliver health care  
4 services to all residents of this Commonwealth, providing acute  
5 inpatient care, as well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral  
6 health, rehabilitation, long-term and home care services; and

7 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by 34 trauma  
8 centers, 6 burn centers and 13 critical access hospitals that  
9 provide care for the most rural populations in this

10 Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to six academic medical centers  
12 and numerous teaching hospitals and medical schools that train  
13 future health care providers and invest in critical health  
14 research; and

1       WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921 in  
2 Chicago as an event to build trust during the Spanish influenza  
3 outbreak; and

4       WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals  
5 are foundations of the communities that built them and serve  
6 people from all walks of life in every community; and

7       WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and  
8 the men and women who support the health of their communities  
9 through dedication and compassionate care; and

10       WHEREAS, The 2015 theme for "National Hospital Week" is  
11 "Where Miracles Happen Every Day"; and

12       WHEREAS, Hospitals today are multidimensional environments  
13 that offer every medical specialty and also focus on population  
14 health, prevention and wellness; and

15       WHEREAS, Hospitals provide free care to those who have no  
16 health care insurance or inadequate insurance coverage,  
17 providing more than \$1 billion in uncompensated care annually;  
18 and

19       WHEREAS, Hospitals contributed \$111 billion to Pennsylvania's  
20 economy during 2014; and

21       WHEREAS, Hospitals are among the leading employers in their  
22 communities, providing nearly 591,000 total jobs, directly and  
23 indirectly; and

24       WHEREAS, Hospitals are working with many other health and  
25 social service stakeholders in their communities to form  
26 partnerships for a healthy Pennsylvania; therefore be it

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 10  
28 through 16, 2015, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania;  
29 and be it further

30       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members

1 to visit the hospitals in their districts in recognition of the  
2 vital role that hospitals play in Pennsylvania's communities and  
3 health care delivery system.