THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 5, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 17 through 21, 2016, 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

17   WHEREAS, Medical assistants must work proficiently at a

18 multitude of administrative and clinical tasks; and

19   WHEREAS, Doctors view medical assistants as vital partners

1 who increase medical office productivity and provide efficient

2 and caring service to all patients; and

3   WHEREAS, Medical assistants may demonstrate their knowledge

4 and commitment to professionalism by earning the Certified

5 Medical Assistant (CMA) credential offered by the American

6 Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the Registered

7 Medical Assistant credential offered by American Medical

8 Technologists (AMT); and

9   WHEREAS, Candidates who earn a CMA credential have

10 successfully completed a certification examination administered

11 by the certifying board of the AAMA and enjoy increased respect

12 and recognition from their professional peers and employers; and

13   WHEREAS, The examination tests general medical knowledge,

14 including terminology, anatomy, physiology, behavioral science,

15 medical law and ethics; administrative knowledge, including

16 medical records management, collections and insurance

17 processing; and clinical knowledge, including examination room

18 techniques, medication preparation and administration,

19 pharmacology and specimen collection; and

20   WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Society of

21 Medical Assistants (PSMA) may assist medical assistants from

22 across this Commonwealth and is an affiliate of the AAMA; and

23   WHEREAS, As an affiliate, the PSMA works to provide medical

24 assistant professionals with education, certification,

25 credential acknowledgment, networking opportunities, scope-of-

26 practice protection and advocacy for quality patient-centered

27 health care; and

28   WHEREAS, Both the AAMA and the AMT recognize the week of

29 October 17 through 21, 2016, as "Medical Assistants Recognition

30 Week"; and

1   WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports

2   that over 26,000 Pennsylvanians work as medical assistants in

3   this Commonwealth, forming an important part of the medical and

4   general labor force; therefore be it

5   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

6   week of October 17 through 21, 2016, as "National Medical

7   Assistants Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition of

8   the quality care, support and vital services provided by medical

9   assistants in this Commonwealth; and be it further

10   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

11 important service provided to the profession in this

12 Commonwealth by the Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants,

13 as well as the American Association of Medical Assistants and

14 American Medical Technologists; and be it further

15   RESOLVED, That members of the House of Representatives take

16 initiative to recognize local medical assistants working in

17 their communities for the important assistance they provide in

18 helping to heal and care for patients.