## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 749

Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, KIM, KORTZ, MILLARD, HARKINS, MURT, LONGIETTI, YOUNGBLOOD, BROWN, SONNEY, BURNS, HICKERNELL, FREEMAN, SCHMITT, GAINEY, NEILSON, DeLUCA AND ROEBUCK, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

## A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the week of October 25 through 31, 2020, as 1 "National Massage Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to 2 honor the more than 7,900 licensed massage therapists in this Commonwealth. 4 5 WHEREAS, Massage therapy is beneficial to overall health and 6 is increasingly a part of integrated health care; and 7 WHEREAS, Consumers are spending approximately \$16 billion 8 annually on massage therapy; and 9 WHEREAS, A therapeutic massage can benefit people of all 10 ages; and WHEREAS, A growing body of clinical research shows massage 11 therapy is beneficial for a wide variety of health issues, 12 including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, 13 back pain, muscle injury and soreness, headaches and solely for 14 15 maintaining good health; and 16 WHEREAS, The American Massage Therapy Association, a 17 professional association for massage therapists, provides

consumer and professional education information on massage

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- 1 therapy and helps consumers and health professionals locate
- 2 qualified massage therapists in their areas; therefore be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
- 4 week of October 25 through 31, 2020, as "National Massage
- 5 Therapy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to honor the more than
- 6 7,900 licensed massage therapists in this Commonwealth.