
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 26 through February 1, 2020, as
2 "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has strong roots in the field of
4 anesthesiology beginning in 1772; and

5 WHEREAS, Joseph Priestley, a Pennsylvanian, first discovered
6 nitrous oxide, which is still being used as an anesthetic today;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Since this breakthrough, the field of
9 anesthesiology has grown into a medical specialty where
10 physician anesthesiologists must complete 12,000 hours to 16,000
11 hours of extensive training prior to practicing independently;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in
14 a patient's well-being before, during and after surgical
15 procedures; and

16 WHEREAS, A physician anesthesiologist's duties include
17 evaluating a patient's current health prior to receiving

1 anesthesia to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia,
2 monitoring the patient during surgery and assessing the patient
3 after the procedure is completed; and

4 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than 100 million
5 surgeries and procedures are performed with anesthesia and
6 approximately 1.8 million of those procedures are performed in
7 hospitals in this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there
9 remains potential for complications and side effects during
10 procedures, and physician anesthesiologists have the training
11 and expertise to help minimize these risks, monitor for any
12 problems and take quick action if necessary; and

13 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, physician
14 anesthesiologists are specifically trained to respond to
15 emergencies and ensure the best patient outcomes; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists is a
17 physician organization with more than 1,900 members dedicated to
18 promoting the highest standards of the profession of
19 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continued medical
20 education and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and
21 their patients; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of January 26
23 through February 1, 2020, as "Physician Anesthesiologist Week"
24 in Pennsylvania.