
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2017 as "Home Care and Hospice
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Home care and hospice professionals provide an
4 essential service that many individuals with disabilities or
5 diseases rely on to live at home with their families and remain
6 a part of their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Home care aides help with activities of daily living
8 such as remembering to take medications, preparing meals,
9 transferring from a chair, toilet or bed, bathing, dressing,
10 light housekeeping and transportation to and from doctor's
11 appointments; and

12 WHEREAS, Hospice end-of-life care brings together medical
13 care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support for
14 terminal patients and their families; and

15 WHEREAS, Home health agencies provide skilled services, which
16 include nursing care and physical, occupational, speech and
17 respiratory therapy; and

1 WHEREAS, Home care and hospice professionals work side by
2 side with patients' families involved in the patients' care and
3 take time to teach the proper techniques; and

4 WHEREAS, Home care and hospice professionals in this
5 Commonwealth provide care to nearly 1 million consumers a year,
6 the equivalent of 100 consumers every hour; and

7 WHEREAS, Personal care aide and home health aide jobs are
8 projected to grow by 70% in the next seven years, the largest
9 employment growth among all occupations in the United States, in
10 response to this Commonwealth's population being the fourth
11 oldest in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Hospices in this Commonwealth provide better quality
13 care than the national average, with Pennsylvania having an
14 overall average score of 93.8% compared to the national average
15 score of 92.6%; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
17 2017 as "Home Care and Hospice Month" in Pennsylvania to
18 recognize and show appreciation for the dedication and
19 contributions of home care and hospice providers to enhancing
20 the lives of their patients.