
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 31 through February 6, 2016, as
2 "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has strong roots in the field of
4 anesthesiology, beginning in 1773 with Joseph Priestly, a
5 Pennsylvanian who first discovered nitrous oxide, which is still
6 being used today as an anesthetic.

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

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

14 WHEREAS, A physician anesthesiologist's duties include
15 evaluating a patient's current health prior to receiving
16 anesthesia to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia,
17 monitoring the patient during surgery and assessing the patient
18 after the procedure is completed; and

1 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than 100 million
2 surgeries and procedures are performed with anesthesia with
3 approximately 1.8 million of those procedures being performed in
4 hospitals in this Commonwealth; and

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

10 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, physician
11 anesthesiologists are specifically trained to respond to
12 emergencies and ensure the best patient outcomes; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists is a
14 physician organization with over 1,400 members dedicated to
15 promoting the highest standards of the profession of
16 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continuing medical
17 education and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and
18 their patients; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of January 31 to
20 February 6, 2016, as "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in
21 Pennsylvania.