THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 24, 2024

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of November 2024 as "Care at Home Month" 2 in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Home care and hospice professionals provide critical
- 4 services to individuals with disabilities and this
- 5 Commonwealth's aging population, allowing them to remain in
- 6 their homes and stay connected with their communities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Home care aides and direct care workers offer
- 8 essential support with daily living activities, including
- 9 managing medications, meal preparation, assisting with mobility,
- 10 bathing, dressing, light housekeeping and transportation to
- 11 medical appointments; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Hospice care integrates medical care, pain
- 13 management and emotional and spiritual support, offering
- 14 compassionate end-of-life and palliative care to terminally ill
- 15 patients and their families; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Home health services provide skilled care, including
- 17 nursing services and physical, occupational, speech and
- 18 respiratory therapies; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Home care, home health and hospice professionals
- 2 collaborate closely with families, offering guidance and
- 3 training in caregiving techniques and providing needed respite
- 4 for family caregivers and natural supports; and
- 5 WHEREAS, These professionals represent more than 375,000 jobs
- 6 in this Commonwealth at any given time, with a growing demand
- 7 that may require more than 115,000 workers by 2030; and
- 8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's aging population is growing
- 9 rapidly, with a projected one in three Pennsylvanians being over
- 10 the age of 60 by 2030; and
- 11 WHEREAS, More than 500,000 Pennsylvanians of all ages receive
- 12 home-based care in any given month; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Individuals of all ages who are physically or
- 14 intellectually disabled and those who are aging deserve to live
- 15 independent and full lives in the setting of their choice; and
- 16 WHEREAS, There is only one worker for every eight people who
- 17 want and need to have care inside their own home; therefore be
- 18 it
- 19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of November
- 20 2024 as "Care at Home Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- 21 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor and express gratitude for the
- 22 dedication and contributions of these professionals in improving
- 23 the lives of their patients.