
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, ROBINSON, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK,
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DUSH, HUTCHINSON, MILLER, LANGERHOLC, CULVER AND J. WARD,
MAY 1, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 1, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2023 as "Community College Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks 48th in the nation for the
4 affordability of higher education; and

5 WHEREAS, Community colleges play a critical role in providing
6 Pennsylvanians with an affordable and quality higher education;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Community colleges are the largest provider of
9 higher education in this Commonwealth, serving more than 230,000
10 students; and

11 WHEREAS, Many of the students attending community colleges
12 come from low-income families; and

13 WHEREAS, Forty-two percent of community college students come
14 from underrepresented or minority groups; and

15 WHEREAS, Community colleges educate the largest amount of
16 first-generation or nontraditional students in higher education;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Community colleges can save students tens of
3 thousands of dollars on the completion of a four-year degree;

4 and

5 WHEREAS, These savings and the affordability of community
6 colleges provide students with access to higher education and
7 enhanced economic opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, For some students, these economic opportunities come
9 through the many career-focused degrees and programs offered by
10 community colleges; and

11 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve as the largest
12 postsecondary trainer in Pennsylvania, providing workforce
13 development training and degrees; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges provide workforce training for
15 87,000 individuals located throughout this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 70% of community college workforce
17 development and training programs are aligned with high-priority
18 occupations, as defined by the Department of Labor and Industry,
19 such as nursing, manufacturing and public safety; and

20 WHEREAS, Community colleges partner with 2,100 employers to
21 train Pennsylvanians for family-sustaining careers; and

22 WHEREAS, These partnerships and programs provide employers
23 with highly qualified workers for high-demand occupations that
24 meet regional and State economic needs in this Commonwealth;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2023
27 as "Community College Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize community colleges'
29 important role in Pennsylvania's education system and economy.