
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, HUGHES, MARTIN, COLLETT, BREWSTER,
COSTA, KANE, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, LAUGHLIN AND SCHWANK,
APRIL 22, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 22, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 15 through 21, 2024, as "National
2 Osteopathic Medicine Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 186,000 doctors of osteopathic medicine
4 (DOs) and osteopathic medical students bring their distinctive
5 approach to providing health care for millions of patients
6 across the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's 11,117 DOs are dedicated to
8 improving the health of their communities through patient-
9 centered care focused on treating the body, mind and spirit; and

10 WHEREAS, DOs practice in every medical field and specialty,
11 combining medical expertise with a whole-person approach
12 centered on listening to and partnering with their patients; and

13 WHEREAS, DOs account for more than 11% of all physicians in
14 the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 25% of all medical students in the United
16 States have chosen to practice osteopathic medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is a national leader in practicing

1 DOs, ranking third out of all 50 states; and

2 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to three Colleges of
3 Osteopathic Medicine: the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
4 Medicine, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and Duquesne
5 University College of Osteopathic Medicine; and

6 WHEREAS, More than half of the nation's DOs practice in the
7 primary care specialties of family medicine, internal medicine
8 and pediatrics; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 62% of DOs are under 45 years of age;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, DOs have made tremendous contributions to the
12 American health care system since osteopathic medicine was
13 founded by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, more than 130 years ago;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, DOs hold some of the most prominent positions in
16 medicine today, including serving as physician to the President
17 of the United States, as well as overseeing care for the NASA
18 medical team and many Olympic-level and professional athletes;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, DOs are trained to consider the health of the whole
21 person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat their
22 patients; and

23 WHEREAS, "National Osteopathic Medicine Week" is a national
24 observance dedicated to spotlighting the osteopathic medical
25 profession and raising awareness about the distinctiveness of
26 osteopathic medicine; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 15
28 through 21, 2024, as "National Osteopathic Medicine Week" in
29 Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all Pennsylvanians to support

1 this observance by helping to educate members of the public
2 about DOs and osteopathic medicine.