

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DALEY, APRIL 3, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 3, 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 osteopathic physicians and
4 osteopathic medical students bring their distinctive approach to
5 providing health care for millions of patients across the United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has more than 11,000 osteopathic
8 physicians who are dedicated to improving the health of their
9 communities through patient-centered care focused on treating
10 the body, mind and spirit; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians account for more than 11% of
16 all physicians in the United States, and more than 25% of all
17 medical students have chosen to practice osteopathic medicine;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is a national leader in practicing
3 osteopathic physicians, with the third most osteopathic
4 physicians out of all 50 states; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to three colleges of
6 osteopathic medicine, which are the Philadelphia College of
7 Osteopathic Medicine, the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic
8 Medicine and Duquesne University College of Osteopathic
9 Medicine; and

10 WHEREAS, More than half of the nation's osteopathic
11 physicians work in the primary care specialties of family
12 medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics; and

13 WHEREAS, Sixty-two percent of osteopathic physicians are
14 under 45 years of age; and

15 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians have made tremendous
16 contributions to the American health care system since
17 osteopathic medicine was founded by Andrew Taylor Still more
18 than 130 years ago; and

19 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians have practiced in remarkable
20 ways, including as physician to the President of the United
21 States, leading the National Aeronautics and Space
22 Administration (NASA) medical team and caring for professional
23 athletes; and

24 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians are trained to consider the
25 health of the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose
26 and treat their patients; therefore be it

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

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all

1 Pennsylvanians to support this observance by helping to educate
2 members of the public about osteopathic physicians and
3 osteopathic medicine.