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**GREETINGS:**

It is my pleasure to join with the National Patient Advocate Foundation in recognizing May 7, 2007, as Patient Advocacy Day in Pennsylvania.

Access to health care is a basic human need and a responsibility of our entire society, and no one should be denied it because of financial hardship. It is up to us all to care for our commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens which is why, as part of my Prescription for Pennsylvania health care reform plan, I have proposed a program to ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to health care through an initiative called Cover All Pennsylvanians. This plan would complement our Cover All Kids program which is making great strides in making sure all our children are covered by health insurance.

Prescription for Pennsylvania is also filled with initiatives that advocate for a more sensible quality health care system. Programs that improve quality and access to care, while targeting cost, will help improve the health care system for everyone.

Organizations like the National Patient Advocate Foundation should have the resources and support they need to do their jobs effectively. Through their efforts, patients across Pennsylvania and our nation receive assistance with financial matters as well as other problems that may occur as a result of their diagnoses. I am greatly encouraged by the dedicated community of patient advocates who are committed to giving a voice to those who need representation. Their work has made a tremendous impact on the medical community as well as public awareness, and is gradually leading us closer to a future filled less with worry and more with optimism.

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am honored to join with the National Patient Advocate Foundation and the citizens of the commonwealth in recognizing May 7, 2007, as Patient Advocacy Day in Pennsylvania. Best wishes to all who strive to bring health and hope to their fellow citizens.



*Edward G. Rendell*

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