

# Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

In the Senate, June 9, 2008

Whereas, Access to appropriate health care when disease strikes is essential to well-being for all individuals; and

Whereas, A patient diagnosed with a serious illness should be able to access medical treatment and surmise the financial hardship of illness; and

Whereas, A patient who receives a serious diagnosis should be able to have relevant clinical information, timely and sustained health care and intervention and the opportunity to effectively reach well-informed and independent decisions; and

Whereas, Health information technology, including the utilization of electronic medical records, can provide both the patient and his physician with timely access to necessary information; and

Whereas, The continued, comprehensive, cooperative and collaborative action of government, private industry, health care providers, volunteers and citizens can help overcome the obstacles to the complexities of the health care system during a serious illness; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognize June 10, 2008, as "Patient Advocate Day" in Pennsylvania.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 342, introduced by Senators Vincent J. Hughes, Wayne D. Fontana, Jane Clare Orie, Christine M. Faraglione, Michael R. O'Pake, Raphael J. Muoto, Anthony H. Williams, Constance H. Williams, Vincent J. Fumo, Jay Costa, Jim Ferlo, Sean F. Logan, LeAnna M. Washington, Elisabeth J. Baker, Jane M. Earl, Lisa M. Bocola, Edwin B. Erickson, Stewart J. Greenleaf, Andrew E. Dinniman, Michael J. Stack and Shirley M. Kitchen, and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eight.



Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Corrigan".

Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary