

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

CITATION

Recognizing Patient Advocate Day in the City of Philadelphia

The Council of the City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join the National Patient Advocate Foundation in recognizing June 10, 2008 as Patient Advocate Day in the State of Pennsylvania, and City of Philadelphia.

Whereas, The State of Pennsylvania, and City of Philadelphia affirm their commitment to progressive, fiscally sound, fair, and effective healthcare for every Pennsylvania citizen, and stand in voice and action as advocates for the patient now and in preparation for when the challenge is greatest; and

Whereas, Access to healthcare is a basic human need and a shared societal responsibility. One patient who cannot access medical treatment or survive the financial hardship of illness is one patient too many; and

Whereas, The experience of a serious diagnosis must open the patient's door to relevant clinical information, empowerment within the medical care system, timely and sustained medical care and intervention, an ability to efficiently and effectively reach both well-informed, independent decisions, and the benefit of appropriate support which removes barriers to this care and empowerment; and

Whereas, The challenging complexity of ensuring healthcare to those in need must not deter or distract us from the urgency of finding and creating solutions to this persistent problem which requires immediate relief. The continuous, comprehensive, cooperative, and collaborative action of the Pennsylvania State's government, private industry, healthcare providers, and citizens can and must surmount this challenge; and

Whereas, The focus of the day is to urge all Pennsylvania and Philadelphia citizens to observe Patient Advocate Day, and join with one another to bring these goals to fruition.

Therefore, By virtue of this Citation, the Council of the City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join the National Patient Advocate Foundation in recognizing Patient Advocate Day in the State of Pennsylvania, and City of Philadelphia on June 10, 2008. We encourage participation, and support this worthwhile endeavor to raise the level of health awareness and to educate the community. We extend the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body.




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