



PROCLAMATION

BY THE

GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the Commonwealth and represents more than 6,000 members, including practicing family physicians; family medicine residents, and medical students that provide preventive primary care services necessary to restrain ever-increasing health care costs and improve public and community health; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania needs more highly educated and expertly skilled primary care physicians, especially in medically underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians encourage medical students to choose a career in family medicine and provide primary care medical services in medically underserved areas and have been instrumental in the Commonwealth's retention of the majority of its family medicine resident physicians; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania appreciates and owes a debt of gratitude to the work of family physicians that improve the quality of life of communities living in Pennsylvania; and

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 2023 to be

PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY PHYSICIAN MONTH

in recognition of family physicians and the vital role they serve in Pennsylvania's health care system. I encourage all citizens to observe this month and to raise awareness for the impactful work that family physicians do.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twelfth day of May two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

Governor Josh Shapiro