

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4629, by Representatives Macri, Cody, Simmons, Schmick, Santos, Orcutt, Fitzgibbon, Leavitt, and Ryu

1 WHEREAS, Since 1921, physical therapists have served patients in
2 military and civilian sectors; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 10,000 physical therapists and physical
4 therapist assistants are currently licensed in Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants
6 treat patients or clients in many settings, including hospitals,
7 clinics, homes, schools, fitness facilities, skilled nursing
8 facilities, military and veterans facilities, and employer-based
9 settings; and

10 WHEREAS, Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants
11 provide cost-effective proven therapy to improve movement, decrease
12 pain, and reduce the need for opioid prescriptions; and

13 WHEREAS, Washington residents have been able to receive physical
14 therapy services without referral since 1988; and

15 WHEREAS, Washington's three accredited doctor of physical therapy
16 programs and six accredited physical therapist assistant programs are
17 educating students to meet the movement and functional needs of
18 Washingtonians for the coming generations; and

19 WHEREAS, Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants
20 have faced the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic head on, treating
21 the most vulnerable, building on their proud history of work in the
22 polio pandemic, and playing an essential role in treating people who
23 are beginning to recover from the most severe effects of the novel

1 coronavirus, both during their time in the hospital and after they
2 leave, for as long as it takes to improve function;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
4 of Representatives recognize physical therapists and physical
5 therapist assistants for their dedication to improving the health of
6 society over the past 100 years; and further recognize that physical
7 therapists and physical therapist assistants are essential partners
8 in meeting the future health and wellness needs of our country.

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10 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
11 Resolution 4629 adopted by the House of Representatives

12 April 12, 2021

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk