



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY PHYSICIAN MONTH  
September 2021**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's family physicians emphasize the importance of promoting wellness and providing 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, family physicians in the commonwealth have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic and have been integral to the state's vaccination efforts; and*

*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. PAFP members are dedicated to the dignity and wellbeing of all Pennsylvanians by providing quality, comprehensive, and accessible health care; 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.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby recognize the month of September 2021 as PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY PHYSICIAN MONTH in appreciation for the vital role they serve in Pennsylvania's health care system.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this first day of September two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor