

BY: Senator PARKER

RECOGNIZING January 12, 2022, as National Pharmacist Day

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge official days that are set aside to recognize the important contributions of individuals who affect the health of the citizens of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize January 12, 2022, as National Pharmacist Day; and

WHEREAS, This vital day focuses on the importance of pharmacists, as well as honors how much they impact the health and well-being of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, In 754 AD, the first pharmacies were established in Baghdad during the Islamic Golden Age; and

WHEREAS, On September 28, 1928, Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin which changed the course of modern medicine significantly, because due to penicillin infections that were previously untreatable and life threatening were now easily treated; and

WHEREAS, America's largest drug store, CVS, made its debut on May 8, 1963, employing 24,000 pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, National Pharmacist Day honors more than 300,000 employees: there were approximately 316,500 pharmacists in the United States as of 2016, and the profession which continues to grow is up from less than 224,000 just 15 years prior; and

WHEREAS, The profession is vital to the economy: people need pharmacists to keep them healthy, which keeps businesses moving; American employers pay more than \$260 billion each year for health-related work loss; and

WHEREAS, In addition, pharmacists do much more than dispense medication: they can give health advice and tips, such as how to take multiple medications, and they know about drug therapy effectiveness and can inform individuals about medical devices used at home; and

WHEREAS, Children can get up to 12 colds a year, while adults average two to four; pharmacists work throughout the year to keep these children and adults healthy; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists throughout the United States have proven themselves to be a great asset to medicine and to the health and welfare of all American citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize January 12, 2022, as National Pharmacist Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the United Pharmacy Association.