

SENATE RESOLUTION 34

(By Senators Helton, Roberts, and Oliverio)

[Introduced February 11, 2026]

1 Designating February 12, 2026, as Hospital Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, Hospitals provide essential health care services to patients while serving as
3 cornerstones of community health and economic stability; and

4 Whereas, Hospitals are among the top employers in West Virginia, directly employing
5 nearly 54,000 people and indirectly supporting more than 46,000 West Virginia jobs, representing
6 14 percent of the state's workforce; and

7 Whereas, West Virginia hospitals are foundational economic pillars contributing more than
8 \$1 billion in community benefit and supporting \$16.9 billion in economic activity to our state's
9 economy; and

10 Whereas, West Virginia hospitals provide integrated care across the full health care
11 continuum—from primary care and multi-specialty clinics to acute care, behavioral health,
12 substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation, post-acute services, and more; and

13 Whereas, West Virginia hospitals provide care across millions of patient encounters each
14 year, from welcoming newborns to delivering emergency care, inpatient services, and extensive
15 outpatient treatment; and

16 Whereas, Every employee represents a vital part of West Virginia's remarkable hospital
17 community, faithfully contributing to the mission of delivering exceptional care and meaningful
18 engagement with patients; and

19 Whereas, West Virginia hospitals invest \$92 million annually in community benefit
20 activities to improve the health of local citizens, neighborhoods and communities they serve,

1 including health screenings, wellness and nutrition programs, medical professional education, and
2 disease research; and

3 Whereas, West Virginia hospitals remain grounded in their fundamental mission of patient
4 care and community service, adapting to the evolving landscape of health care through enhanced
5 outpatient services, new technologies, and coordinated care models; and

6 Whereas, Hospital Day at the Legislature gives us the opportunity to recognize all our
7 hospitals and health care professionals; therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate:*

9 That the Senate hereby designates February 12, 2026, as Hospital Day at the Legislature;
10 and, be it

11 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
12 the appropriate representatives of the West Virginia Hospital Association.