

Acknowledgement of Service and Support in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic



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Whereas, The American Physical Therapy Association and its members grieve the loss of life and significant impact on health and well-being associated with the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, This pandemic has further exposed the influence of social determinants of health and the disparities that negatively impact health, movement, and wellness;

Whereas, Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants have continued to provide essential health services to optimize movement under extraordinary circumstances, while continuing to demonstrate their core values of duty, compassion and caring, excellence, and social responsibility;

Whereas, For some physical therapists and physical therapist assistants the impact of the pandemic has resulted in diminished work hours, furlough or termination;

Whereas, Faculty and students in physical therapy education programs have rapidly shifted to online instruction and accommodated significant changes in both academic and clinical education; and,

Whereas, APTA has continued to address the impact of the pandemic on society by continuing to provide guidance and assistance to the members of our profession, the public and our interprofessional colleagues through the services and actions of staff, components, the Board of Directors, and an unprecedented virtual House of Delegates;

Resolved, That physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students have a responsibility to address inequities as heightened during this pandemic;

Resolved, That APTA stands in solidarity with its members and the society they serve, and pledges its continued support and efforts to restore workforce opportunities and equitable access to physical therapist services; and,

Resolved, That the delegates of the House of Delegates honor the commitment of APTA staff, leaders of our association, and members of our profession in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and offer our deepest gratitude and support as we work together to achieve the mission of our association and vision of our profession to build a community and transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

P: Position | S: Standard | G: Guideline | Y: Policy | R: Procedure

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