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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 18, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2017 as "Pancreatic Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The pancreas is a thin, pear-shaped gland behind the  
4 stomach that plays an important role in the digestive system by  
5 producing fluids to help break down food and hormones to control  
6 blood sugar levels; and

7 WHEREAS, There are typically no symptoms during the early  
8 stages of pancreatic cancer, and it spreads quickly throughout  
9 the body making it difficult to detect and harder to treat in  
10 later stages; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms that could indicate pancreatic cancer  
12 include upper abdominal pain, weight loss, jaundice, severe  
13 itching, digestive problems and nausea and vomiting; and

1       WHEREAS, The exact cause of pancreatic cancer is yet to be  
2 determined; and

3       WHEREAS, Risk factors, including genetics, age, smoking,  
4 obesity and long-standing diabetes, may contribute to the  
5 development of pancreatic cancer; and

6       WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of  
7 cancer-related deaths in men and women in the United States each  
8 year; and

9       WHEREAS, In 2017, an estimated 43,000 deaths and 53,670 new  
10 cases of pancreatic cancer were expected to occur in the United  
11 States; and

12       WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Pancreatic Cancer Action  
13 Network and the National Pancreas Foundation are committed to  
14 helping and empowering patients suffering from pancreatic  
15 cancer, focusing efforts on public policy, research funding,  
16 patient services and public awareness and developing effective  
17 treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

18       WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is celebrated  
19 each November to highlight awareness efforts and strengthen the  
20 voices speaking out about pancreatic cancer; and

21       WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of  
22 this Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased  
23 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research regarding early  
24 detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

25       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
26 month of November 2017 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in  
27 Pennsylvania; and be it further

28       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly support  
29 educational activities and programs designed to strengthen  
30 awareness and support those living with pancreatic cancer.