
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2015 as "Ovarian Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among
4 women and the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 21,980 women are diagnosed with
7 ovarian cancer each year and more than 14,000 women in the
8 United States die from ovarian cancer each year; and

9 WHEREAS, No adequate screening test exists for ovarian
10 cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Most cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed at Stage
12 III or later when the cancer already has begun to spread to
13 lymph nodes and outside of the pelvis; and

14 WHEREAS, Early detection improves the chances of survival,
15 with a 93% five-year survival rate if detected at the earliest
16 stages; and

1 WHEREAS, Every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer regardless
2 of age, heritage or medical history; and

3 WHEREAS, Many women who are diagnosed with ovarian cancer
4 have a genetic history that may include carrying the BRCA
5 mutation gene and a family history of ovarian cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer typically occurs in women in their
7 fifties and sixties, with a median age of 63; and

8 WHEREAS, Symptoms are often subtle and easily confused with
9 other ailments, including bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain,
10 difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary urgency or
11 frequency, weight gain, backaches, shortness of breath, extreme
12 fatigue and nausea; and

13 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer awareness and education are important
14 factors in diagnosis and treatment; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
16 2015 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.