
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 221 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, MARTIN,
EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, AUMENT, RESCHENTHALER,
BAKER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, COSTA,
RAFFERTY, STREET, WARD, BLAKE, FOLMER AND YUDICHAK,
OCTOBER 17, 2017

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 17, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2017 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 20, 2017, as
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" was founded
5 in 1985 and has since evolved into a collaboration of national
6 public service organizations, professional medical associations
7 and government agencies working together to promote breast
8 cancer awareness, share information on the disease and provide
9 greater access to services; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the
11 "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" effort has stood at the
12 forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues; and

13 WHEREAS, Much remains to be done to educate women and men
14 about breast health in order to empower them to take charge of
15 their health through practicing regular breast self-exams to
16 identify changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and
17 mammograms as recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and

1 knowing the facts about recurrence; and

2 WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves
3 helping people to understand the importance of screening and
4 detecting cancer in its early stages so that treatment can
5 occur, increasing survival rates and healing and decreasing
6 suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, A mammogram serves as a screening test that can
8 detect breast cancer early; and

9 WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of
10 age or older through mammograms helps to ensure early detection
11 of breast cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, "National Mammography Day" has existed since 1993
13 when President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of
14 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,
15 particularly those in high-risk groups, to make a mammography
16 appointment during the month of October; and

17 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important
18 issue; and

19 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2016
20 in the United States 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer
21 were diagnosed in women, 40,450 women died from breast cancer,
22 2,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed in men
23 and 440 men died from breast cancer; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October
25 2017 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in
26 Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 20, 2017, as
28 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all women and men in this
30 Commonwealth to have discussions with their doctors about breast

1 cancer, particularly about the value of getting screened for
2 breast cancer, especially if possible signs of breast cancer are
3 detected; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage women in this
5 Commonwealth 40 years of age or older to undergo annual
6 mammograms and urge women 55 years of age or older to recognize
7 the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents to take action
10 during the month of October and throughout the year to help
11 people remain informed about the incidence of breast cancer and
12 how residents of this Commonwealth can protect themselves from
13 the disease and take proper action if breast cancer develops.