
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 397 Session of
1996

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TRELLO AND BAKER, JUNE 11, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 11, 1996

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of September 22 through 28, 1996, as
2 "Prostate Cancer Screening Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer develops in one in every eight
4 American men during his lifetime, and 668 new cases are
5 diagnosed each day, 31 of which originate in Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in the
7 nation and the most common type diagnosed among men in this
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, During 1992, the year for which the most recent
10 statistics are available for Pennsylvania, 11,166 cases of
11 prostate cancer were newly diagnosed and 1,871 men died of the
12 disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Two inexpensive tests, the digital rectal
14 examination and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test are

1 underutilized either because of lack of patient education or
2 inadequate means available for either examination; and

3 WHEREAS, Of all prostate cancers, 60% are discovered before
4 the disease has spread, and 92% of the patients who are
5 diagnosed have a five-year survival rate; and

6 WHEREAS, Screening for prostate cancer is advocated by such
7 groups as the American Cancer Society and other not-for-profit
8 groups, prominent biomedical and pharmaceutical corporations,
9 health care professionals and prostate cancer support groups;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare the week
12 of September 22 through 28, 1996, as "Prostate Cancer Screening
13 Week" in Pennsylvania and that during this week men 40 years of
14 age or older be encouraged to undergo screening for prostate
15 cancer.