

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2011 as "Ovarian Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

5 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, a woman's  
6 risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer during her lifetime  
7 is 1 in 71; and

8 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among  
9 women, and the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately half of women with ovarian cancer are  
12 60 years of age or older; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that there

1 will be approximately 21,990 new cases of ovarian cancer in the  
2 United States in 2011 and that 15,460 women will die from  
3 ovarian cancer in 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Approximately one-fifth of ovarian cancers are found  
5 at an early stage; and

6 WHEREAS, Early detection improves the chances of survival;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Nine out of ten women treated for early ovarian  
9 cancer will live longer than five years after the cancer is  
10 found; and

11 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer awareness and education is an  
12 important factor in diagnosis and treatment; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 month of September 2011 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in  
15 Pennsylvania.