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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2015 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer
2 Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The skin is the largest and most visible organ of
4 the body and performs many essential tasks, such as regulating
5 body temperature, protecting internal organs, providing
6 sensation and supporting metabolic functions; and

7 WHEREAS, Current estimates indicate that one in five
8 Americans will develop skin cancer in his or her lifetime; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 2 million cases of nonmelanoma skin cancer
10 are diagnosed in the United States each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Recent estimates show that 123,590 new cases of
12 melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, will be diagnosed
13 in the United States each year; and

14 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young
15 adults 25 to 29 years of age and the second most common form of
16 cancer for adolescents and young adults 15 to 29 years of age;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The estimated total direct cost associated with the

1 treatment of melanoma in 2010 was \$2.36 billion; and

2 WHEREAS, Melanoma and other skin cancers are highly treatable
3 if detected early; and

4 WHEREAS, Sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for
5 all skin cancers, including melanoma; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2015 as
7 "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in
8 Pennsylvania.