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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2016 as "Thyroid Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thyroid cancer is the most common endocrine cancer;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Thyroid cancer has had the fastest increase in  
6 incidence of any cancer in recent years; and

7 WHEREAS, It is now the seventh leading type of cancer in the  
8 nation and the fifth most common cancer in women; and

9 WHEREAS, Incidence of thyroid cancer is rising faster in  
10 Pennsylvania than in any other state; and

11 WHEREAS, Researchers claim that the incidence of diagnosed  
12 tumors that spread regionally or distantly in the body increased  
13 significantly along with those diagnosed localized to the  
14 thyroid; and

15 WHEREAS, While thyroid cancer is prevalent in both men and  
16 women, more than two-thirds of cases are found in women; and

17 WHEREAS, When found early, thyroid cancer is treatable; and

1       WHEREAS, Treatments for thyroid cancer include surgery,  
2 radioactive iodine treatment, external beam radiation therapy  
3 and chemotherapy; and

4       WHEREAS, Even when treatable, thyroid cancer is life-  
5 disrupting, expensive and stressful for patients and loved ones;  
6 and

7       WHEREAS, A simple neck check done by a medical professional  
8 during a routine appointment can detect a thyroid nodule; and

9       WHEREAS, While most thyroid nodules are benign, they can be  
10 aggressive and difficult to treat; therefore be it

11       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September  
12 2016 as "Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.