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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 2001 as "Childhood Cancer Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is the number one disease causing  
4 death among young people; and

5 WHEREAS, Every year more than 12,000 children and young  
6 adults are diagnosed with childhood cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, Cancer is the second leading cause, after accidents,  
8 of childhood death; and

9 WHEREAS, On any given school day 46 young people, or two  
10 classrooms of students, are diagnosed with cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, One of every 330 persons in the United States will  
12 develop cancer before their 20th birthday; and

13 WHEREAS, The median age of cancer diagnosis in children is  
14 six; and

15 WHEREAS, American children are more likely to develop  
16 leukemia, lymphoma, brain tumors, neuroblastoma, Wilms' tumor or  
17 a sarcoma than to develop HIV/AIDS; and

1       WHEREAS, Childhood cancers affect more potential patient  
2 years of life than any other cancer except breast cancer and  
3 lung cancer; and

4       WHEREAS, Cancer in childhood occurs regularly and randomly  
5 and spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class or geographic  
6 region; and

7       WHEREAS, The cause of most childhood cancers is unknown and  
8 these cancers cannot be prevented; and

9       WHEREAS, Cancer during adolescence and young adulthood is  
10 increasing and unexplained, and progress in treating cancer in  
11 these age groups is lagging; and

12       WHEREAS, In the United States the incidence of cancer is  
13 increasing among adolescents and young adults at a greater rate  
14 than in any other age group except persons older than 65 years  
15 of age; and

16       WHEREAS, The cause of this increase is presently unknown; and

17       WHEREAS, Cancer is the most curable chronic disease of  
18 childhood, more curable than asthma, congenital anomalies,  
19 epilepsy, cystic fibrosis or diabetes; and

20       WHEREAS, The rate at which children die of cancer has  
21 decreased below 20% of the rate at which children are diagnosed;  
22 and

23       WHEREAS, With continued progress in treating childhood cancer  
24 and with improved funding of research, the cure rate for cancers  
25 diagnosed prior to age 20 can approach 85%; and

26       WHEREAS, Currently more than one in every 900 persons in the  
27 United States between 20 and 45 years of age is a survivor of  
28 childhood cancer; therefore be it

29       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
30 September 2001 as "Childhood Cancer Month" in Pennsylvania.