
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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KITCHEN, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, VANCE, YUDICHAK AND FARNESE,
OCTOBER 19, 2015

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 19, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2015 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 16, 2015, as
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania to promote
4 awareness of breast cancer issues and encourage women and men
5 to take action to protect themselves against breast cancer.

6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society helped found "National
7 Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" has evolved
9 into a collaboration of national public service organizations,
10 professional medical associations and government agencies
11 working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share
12 information on the disease and provide greater access to
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its inception 30 years ago, the "National
15 Breast Cancer Awareness Month" effort has stood at the forefront
16 of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues, yet much remains
17 to be done to educate both women and men about breast health in
18 order for them to become empowered to take charge of their

1 health through practicing regular breast self-exams to identify
2 changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and mammograms as
3 recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the
4 facts about recurrence; and

5 WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves
6 helping people understand the importance of screening and
7 detecting cancer in the early stages so that early treatment can
8 occur, which will increase survival rates and healing and
9 decrease suffering; and

10 WHEREAS, A mammogram serves as a screening test for breast
11 cancer that can detect such cancer early; and

12 WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of
13 age and older through mammograms helps ensure early detection of
14 breast cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, "National Mammography Day" has existed since 1993
16 when President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of
17 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,
18 particularly those in high risk groups, to make a mammography
19 appointment during the month of October during "National Breast
20 Cancer Awareness Month"; and

21 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important
22 issue because the American Cancer Society estimates that in the
23 United States during 2015 approximately 231,840 new cases of
24 invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and about
25 40,290 women will die from breast cancer, while about 2,350 new
26 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men, and
27 about 440 men will die from breast cancer; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2015
29 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and
30 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 16, 2015, as
2 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all women and men in this
4 Commonwealth to have discussions with their doctors about breast
5 cancer, particularly about the value of getting screened for
6 breast cancer, especially if possible signs of breast cancer
7 through personal examination or otherwise are detected; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage women in this
10 Commonwealth 40 years of age and older to undergo annual
11 mammograms and urge women between 50 and 74 years of age to
12 recognize the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents to take action
15 during the month of October and at times throughout the year to
16 help people remain informed about the incidence of breast cancer
17 in this Commonwealth and elsewhere and how residents of this
18 Commonwealth can protect themselves from the disease and take
19 proper action if breast cancer develops.