A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2018 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The pancreas is a thin, pear-shaped gland behind the stomach that plays an important role in the digestive system by producing fluids to help break down food and hormones to control blood sugar levels; and

3 WHEREAS, There are typically no symptoms during the early stages of pancreatic cancer and it spreads quickly throughout the body, making it difficult to detect and harder to treat in later stages; and

4 WHEREAS, Symptoms that could indicate pancreatic cancer include upper abdominal pain, weight loss, jaundice, severe itching, digestive problems, nausea and vomiting; and

5 WHEREAS, The exact cause of pancreatic cancer is yet to be
WHEREAS, Risk factors, including genetics, age, smoking, obesity and long-standing diabetes, may contribute to the development of pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, an estimated 44,330 deaths and 55,440 new cases of pancreatic cancer are expected to occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the National Pancreas Foundation are committed to helping and empowering patients suffering from pancreatic cancer, focusing efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services and public awareness, and developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is celebrated each November to highlight awareness efforts and strengthen the voices speaking out about pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of this Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research regarding early detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the month of November 2018 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly support educational activities and programs designed to strengthen awareness and support those living with pancreatic cancer.