

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2019 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is being
4 observed in this Commonwealth to raise awareness of pancreatic
5 cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2019, an estimated 56,770 people will be
7 diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and
8 45,750 people will die from the disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers in
10 the United States, with a nearly 90% mortality rate; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation for
12 pancreatic cancer diagnoses; and

13 WHEREAS, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer appear, it is
14 usually too late for an optimistic prognosis; and

15 WHEREAS, The average life expectancy of individuals diagnosed
16 with metastatic disease is only three to six months; and

1 WHEREAS, The incidence of pancreatic cancer is higher in men
2 than in women and higher in African Americans than in other
3 ethnic groups; and

4 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the residents of this
5 Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased
6 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early
7 detection, causes and effective treatments; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is dedicated to
9 increasing research funding and advocating for the allocation of
10 appropriate research funding from the Federal Government to the
11 National Cancer Institute to discover and develop enhanced
12 detection techniques and improved treatment methods for
13 pancreatic cancer; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
15 2019 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in
16 support of the goals of educating the residents of this
17 Commonwealth about the aggressive nature and lethality of
18 pancreatic cancer and the lack of adequate funding toward
19 lifesaving research and detection methods.