

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, WAGNER, HELFRICK, TARTAGLIONE, KUKOVICH,
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MUSTO, HUGHES, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, DENT, EARLL, KITCHEN AND
STACK, APRIL 12, 2001

AMENDED, APRIL 24, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the month of April 2001 as "Diethylstilbestrol
2 Exposure Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Diethylstilbestrol (DES) was widely prescribed to an
4 estimated 5 million pregnant American women between 1938 and
5 1971 in the belief that it would prevent miscarriages; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 480,000 Pennsylvanians have been exposed
7 to DES; and

8 WHEREAS, The month of April 2001 is being nationally
9 recognized as "DES Exposure Awareness Month"; and

10 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that DES damages the reproductive
11 systems of those exposed in utero and increases the risk of
12 cancer, infertility, autoimmune disorders and a wide range of
13 other reproductive disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, Many Americans, including health care providers,
15 remain unaware of the consequences of DES exposure and the
16 recommended screening and treatment of affected patients; and

17 WHEREAS, DES exposure is associated with an increased risk of

1 breast, uterine and ovarian cancers in women and testicular and
2 urinary cancers in men; and

3 WHEREAS, Research on DES and its effects has produced
4 important advances to date, but much more needs to be done;
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the ~~House of Representatives~~ SENATE OF <—
7 PENNSYLVANIA declare the month of April 2001 as
8 "Diethylstilbestrol Exposure Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That all citizens of this Commonwealth learn about
11 the symptoms, diseases, diagnoses and treatments associated with
12 DES exposure; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 DES Action Pennsylvania and DES Action USA.