

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2003 as "Prostate Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer  
4 diagnosed among men in this Commonwealth, afflicting 10,332 men  
5 in 2000, and is the second leading cause of cancer death among  
6 men in this Commonwealth, causing 1,674 deaths in 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 220,900  
8 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer  
9 during 2003 and 28,900 men will die of this disease, which is  
10 the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United  
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Health reports that each year  
13 there are about 10,000 new prostate cancer cases diagnosed among  
14 men in this Commonwealth and nearly 2,000 men in this  
15 Commonwealth die from the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, The risk of developing prostate cancer increases as

1 a man ages, as evidenced by the fact that more than 70% of all  
2 prostate cancers are diagnosed in men over 65 years of age; and

3 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is twice as common among African-  
4 American men; and

5 WHEREAS, Early detection and screening for prostate cancer  
6 are vital to combating the disease, especially for all men over  
7 50 years of age, African-American men and men with a family  
8 history of prostate cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, With early detection, the five-year relative  
10 survival rate for men with localized prostate cancer is 100%;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Greater public awareness and education about  
13 prostate cancer is necessary to help protect the health and  
14 welfare of men; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 2003 as  
16 "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage  
17 all men to educate themselves about the risk of prostate cancer.