

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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ROBBINS, THOMPSON AND WONDERLING, OCTOBER 8, 2003

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 8, 2003

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2003 as "Pancreatic Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is being  
4 observed in this Commonwealth to create awareness of pancreatic  
5 cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer death among men and  
6 women in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 30,700 people will be diagnosed with  
8 pancreatic cancer this year alone in the United States, and nine  
9 out of every ten pancreatic cancer patients will die; and

10 WHEREAS, There are currently no early detection methods and  
11 minimal treatment options for pancreatic cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, By the time symptoms generally present themselves,  
13 it is too late for a positive prognosis; and

14 WHEREAS, The average survival after diagnosis is only three  
15 to six months; and

16 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer does not discriminate by age,

1 gender or race; and

2 WHEREAS, The Federal Government invests less money in  
3 pancreatic cancer research than in any other leading cancer  
4 research; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Inc. (PanCAN),  
6 the premiere voice of advocacy for pancreatic cancer, exists to  
7 create awareness, education and funding to ultimately find the  
8 cure for pancreatic cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, PanCAN is having the sixth annual "An Evening with  
10 the Stars" celebrity fundraiser on November 8, 2003, in Beverly  
11 Hills, California, to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer and  
12 generate much-needed funding for ongoing research to find early  
13 detection methods and a cure; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November  
15 2003 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.