

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 499 Session of 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 14, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the month of November 2009 as "Pancreatic Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 37,000 people will be diagnosed with  
4 pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and an  
5 estimated 34,000 will die from the disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest type of  
7 cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the  
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,920 deaths will occur in this  
10 Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of pancreatic cancer patients

1 will die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95% of  
2 pancreatic cancer patients will die within the first five years;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, There is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there  
5 have been no significant improvements in early detection,  
6 treatment methods or survival rates in the last 25 years; and

7 WHEREAS, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present  
8 themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis,  
9 and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with  
10 metastasis disease is only three to six months; and

11 WHEREAS, Incidence of pancreatic cancer is 20% to 30% higher  
12 in men than in women and 40% to 50% higher in African Americans  
13 than in other ethnic groups; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal Government invests less money in  
15 pancreatic cancer research than it does in any other leading  
16 cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of  
18 this Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased  
19 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early  
20 detection, causes and effective treatments; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first  
22 and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the  
23 pancreatic cancer community in Pennsylvania and nationwide by  
24 focusing its efforts on public policy, developing effective  
25 treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

26 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its  
27 affiliates in this Commonwealth support those patients currently  
28 battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their  
29 lives to the disease and are committed to nothing less than a  
30 cure; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representative designate the  
2 month of November 2009 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in  
3 Pennsylvania.