

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 526 Session of 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2009 as "Lung Cancer Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in
4 this nation and this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Lung cancer will be responsible for more American
6 deaths in 2009 than breast, prostate, colon, liver, kidney and
7 melanoma skin cancers combined; and

8 WHEREAS, There are an estimated 213,000 new cases of lung
9 cancer and 439 deaths from lung cancer each day in this nation,
10 resulting in approximately 160,000 deaths annually, of which
11 nonsmokers account for roughly 30,000; and

1 WHEREAS, There will be an estimated 10,500 new cases of lung
2 cancer and 7,800 deaths from lung cancer this year in this
3 Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer, yet
5 former smokers and persons who have never smoked comprise 60% of
6 new cases of lung cancer each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Other causes of lung cancer include exposure to
8 cancer-causing substances or carcinogens, such as asbestos,
9 radon, uranium, arsenic and certain petroleum products; and

10 WHEREAS, Symptoms of lung cancer include chronic cough,
11 hoarseness, coughing up blood, weight loss and loss of appetite,
12 shortness of breath, fever without a known reason, wheezing,
13 repeated bouts of bronchitis or pneumonia and chest pain; and

14 WHEREAS, In the early stages of lung cancer, these symptoms
15 are usually absent, although when the symptoms occur, the cancer
16 is most often advanced; and

17 WHEREAS, There is currently no standard or cost-effective
18 screening procedure for lung cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, Funding for lung cancer medical research falls far
20 short of that for diseases with lesser fatality rates; and

21 WHEREAS, To help build awareness and save lives, the Lung
22 Cancer Alliance, a national patient advocacy group for lung
23 cancer, has designated the month of November 2009 as "Lung
24 Cancer Awareness Month"; and

25 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for this Commonwealth to
26 join this nation in designating the month of November 2009 as
27 "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" so that through better education,
28 more cases of lung cancer may be found in the early stages when
29 the chance of long-term survival is enhanced; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

1 month of November 2009 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in
2 Pennsylvania to promote greater public awareness, enhance
3 education, erase the stigma and increase early diagnosis of this
4 disease in order to reduce health costs and to save lives in
5 this Commonwealth.