

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 646 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BAKER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BRADFORD, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, P. COSTA, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, ELLIS, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, M. KELLER, KILLION, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MANN, MARSICO, MCCALL, MCGEEHAN, MCILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STABACK, STERN, STEVENSON, STURLA, SWANGER, TALLMAN, THOMAS, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATERS, WATSON AND GEORGE, MARCH 2, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 2, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the American Cancer Society for its commitment to
2 research and public service and designating the week of March
3 15 through 21, 2010, as "Daffodil Days Awareness Week" in
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is the largest source of
6 private, nonprofit cancer research funds in the United States,
7 second only to the Federal Government in dollars spent; and

8 WHEREAS, To date, the American Cancer Society has invested
9 more than \$3.4 billion in cancer research, including current
10 grants of \$36.6 million in this Commonwealth as of July 1, 2009;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, This investment in research is paying off, with more

1 than 68% of male cancer patients surviving at least five years
2 after cancer diagnosis and more than 67% of women surviving at
3 least five years after cancer diagnosis; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the years and with funds raised from Daffodil
5 Days, the American Cancer Society has made great strides in
6 cancer research, including funding scientists who have
7 discovered the Papanicolaou test, bone marrow transplant
8 techniques, tamoxifen and Gleevec; and

9 WHEREAS, Daffodil Days is one of the American Cancer
10 Society's oldest fundraising programs and has helped to empower
11 people to make a difference in the fight against cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, Forty-two Nobel Prize winners were funded by the
13 American Cancer Society at some point in their career; and

14 WHEREAS, An estimated 74,170 people in this Commonwealth were
15 diagnosed with cancer last year and approximately 28,690 people
16 succumbed to cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, One in every two men and one in every three women
18 will develop cancer, therefore, it is imperative for the
19 American Cancer Society to continue to expand flower sales and
20 volunteer participation in Daffodil Days so that everyone can
21 continue to work together toward a cancer-free society;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
24 American Cancer Society for its commitment to research and
25 public service and designate the week of March 15 through 21,
26 2010, as "Daffodil Days Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.