

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, STACK, YAW, KASUNIC,  
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CORMAN, WARD, PIPPY, WAUGH, GORDNER, ALLOWAY AND D. WHITE,  
JUNE 30, 2009

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2009 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, which in 2006  
5 afflicted 10,770 men and was the second leading cause of cancer  
6 death among men in this Commonwealth, with 1,453 deaths; and

7 WHEREAS, Department of Health reports show that each year  
8 from 1996 to 2006, on average, there were 10,074 new prostate  
9 cancer cases diagnosed among men in this Commonwealth, and 1,647  
10 men in this Commonwealth died from the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 192,280  
12 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer  
13 during 2009 and 27,360 men will die of this disease, which is  
14 the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United  
15 States; and

16 WHEREAS, The risk of developing prostate cancer increases as

1 a man ages, as evidenced by the fact that about 63% 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 approaches  
11 100%; 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 2009 as  
16 "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage  
17 all men to educate themselves about the risk of prostate cancer.