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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2013 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer
2 Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Most people do not realize that the skin is the
4 largest and most visible organ of the body and performs many
5 essential tasks, such as regulating body temperature, protecting
6 internal organs, providing sensation and supporting metabolic
7 functions; and

8 WHEREAS, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the
9 United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Current estimates are that one in five Americans
11 will develop skin cancer in his or her lifetime; and

12 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer,
13 and it is the leading cause of death from skin disease; and

14 WHEREAS, The average five-year survival rate for individuals
15 whose melanoma is detected and treated before it spreads to the
16 lymph nodes is 98%, and the survival rate falls to 15% for those
17 with advanced disease; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2013, the American Cancer Society estimated that
2 76,690 new cases of melanoma would be diagnosed and that 9,480
3 deaths would occur from melanoma; and

4 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young
5 adults between 25 and 29 years of age and the second most common
6 form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between 15 and
7 29 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute reports that
9 approximately \$2.4 billion is spent in the United States each
10 year on melanoma treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, National Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
12 Prevention Month is dedicated to increasing public awareness of
13 the importance of the prevention and early detection of melanoma
14 and other skin cancers; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2013 as
16 "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in
17 Pennsylvania.