
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 442 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SCHWANK, SMITH, SMUCKER, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, VANCE, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, WARD, WASHINGTON, WHITE, WILEY, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, YAW AND YUDICHAK, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2014, as "Childhood Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; honoring those young people
3 who have lost their lives to childhood cancer; expressing
4 gratitude to the doctors and nurses who provide special care
5 to patients and families affected by childhood cancer; and
6 encouraging all citizens to join the fight against childhood
7 cancer in this Commonwealth.

8 WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is the second leading cause of
9 death in children under 15 years of age, exceeded only by
10 accidents, and about 1,350 children are expected to die of
11 cancer in 2014; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that about
13 10,450 children in the United States under 15 years of age will
14 be diagnosed with cancer in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, The potential years of life lost to childhood cancer
16 and the potential years of life saved by treatment exceed all
17 other cancers with the exception of breast cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, Most children cannot be treated at a local hospital,
2 and families must face the disruption of relocating for
3 treatment at a regional cancer facility; and

4 WHEREAS, Due to major treatment advances in recent decades,
5 more than 80% of children with cancer now survive five years or
6 more; and

7 WHEREAS, There is significant progress that still must be
8 made with regard to childhood cancer treatment because there are
9 many types of childhood cancer, and some varieties with lower
10 survival rates are still very difficult to treat; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in the fight against and
12 treatment of childhood cancer with six Children's Oncology Group
13 hospitals, which are St. Christopher's Hospital for Children,
14 the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Geisinger Medical
15 Center, Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenburg, Hershey Medical
16 Center and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and

17 WHEREAS, Two of only ten institutions in the Pediatric Brain
18 Tumor Consortium are in Pennsylvania, including The Children's
19 Hospital of Philadelphia and Children's Hospital Of Pittsburgh,
20 and Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital is one of only 11
21 institutions nationwide in the Pediatric Oncology Experimental
22 Therapeutic Consortium; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
24 2014 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor those young people who have
27 lost their lives to childhood cancer, express gratitude to the
28 doctors and nurses who provide special care to patients and
29 families affected by childhood cancer, and encourage all
30 citizens to join the fight against childhood cancer in this

1 Commonwealth.