
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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ERICKSON, BAKER, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, SMITH, PILEGGI AND
FONTANA, OCTOBER 15, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2014 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be
4 diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590
5 people will die from the disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, is
7 currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United
8 States and is projected to become the second by 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a
10 five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just
11 6%; and

12 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer symptoms generally present late
13 stage and 73% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first
14 year of their diagnosis, while 94% of pancreatic cancer patients
15 die within the first five years; and

16 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,990 deaths caused by pancreatic
17 cancer will occur in Pennsylvania in 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, The Federal Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012
2 directs the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific
3 framework or strategic plan to fight pancreatic cancer and other
4 deadly cancers; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national
6 organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in
7 Pennsylvania and nationwide through a comprehensive approach
8 that includes public policy, research funding, patient services
9 and public awareness and education related to developing
10 effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its
12 affiliates in this Commonwealth support those patients currently
13 battling pancreatic cancer and are committed to nothing less
14 than a cure; and

15 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the residents of this
16 Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased
17 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early
18 detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
20 2014 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.