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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2016 as "National Breast Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 21, 2016, as  
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" was founded  
5 in 1985 and has since evolved into a collaboration of national  
6 public service organizations, professional medical associations  
7 and government agencies working together to promote breast  
8 cancer awareness, share information on the disease and provide  
9 greater access to services; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the  
11 "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" effort has stood at the  
12 forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues; and

13 WHEREAS, Much remains to be done to educate both women and  
14 men about breast health in order for them to become empowered to  
15 take charge of their health through practicing regular breast  
16 self-exams to identify changes, scheduling regular doctor visits  
17 and mammograms as recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment  
18 and knowing the facts about recurrence; and

1       WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves  
2 helping people understand the importance of screening and  
3 detecting cancer in its early stages so that treatment can  
4 occur, increasing survival rates and healing and decreasing  
5 suffering; and

6       WHEREAS, A mammogram serves as a screening test for breast  
7 cancer that can detect such cancer early; and

8       WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of  
9 age or older through mammograms helps ensure early detection of  
10 breast cancer; and

11       WHEREAS, "National Mammography Day" has existed since 1993  
12 when President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of  
13 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,  
14 particularly those in high-risk groups, to make a mammography  
15 appointment during the month of October; and

16       WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important  
17 issue; and

18       WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in the  
19 United States during 2016, 246,660 new cases of invasive breast  
20 cancer will be diagnosed in women, 40,450 women will die from  
21 breast cancer, 2,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be  
22 diagnosed in men and 440 men will die from breast cancer;  
23 therefore be it

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
25 month of October 2016 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness  
26 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
28 21, 2016, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be  
29 it further

30       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all women

1 and men in this Commonwealth to have discussions with their  
2 doctors about breast cancer, particularly about the value of  
3 getting screened for breast cancer, especially if possible signs  
4 of breast cancer are detected; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage women  
6 in this Commonwealth 40 years of age or older to undergo annual  
7 mammograms and urge women 55 years of age or older to recognize  
8 the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years; and be it  
9 further

10       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents to  
11 take action during the month of October and throughout the year  
12 to help people remain informed about the incidence of breast  
13 cancer and how residents of this Commonwealth can protect  
14 themselves from the disease and take proper action if breast  
15 cancer develops.