
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, COLLETT, HUGHES, MARTIN, COSTA, MENSCH,
SCHWANK, BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, KEARNEY, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL
AND MUTH, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2021 as "Blood Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 1,519,907 people in the United States
4 are either living with, or are in remission from, leukemia,
5 lymphoma or myeloma, which are the three major types of blood
6 cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, New cases of leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma are
8 expected to account for 9.8% of the estimated 1,898,160 new
9 cancer cases diagnosed in the United States in 2021; and

10 WHEREAS, An estimated combined total of 186,400 people in the
11 United State are expected to be diagnosed with a blood cancer in
12 2021; and

13 WHEREAS, Every nine minutes, someone in the United States
14 dies from a blood cancer, which statistic represents
15 approximately 158 people each day, or more than six people every
16 hour; and

17 WHEREAS, Leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma are expected to cause

1 the deaths of an estimated 57,750 people in the United States in
2 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Blood cancer patients and their families need help
4 more than ever; and

5 WHEREAS, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) exists to
6 find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer
7 patients; and

8 WHEREAS, The global COVID-19 pandemic magnified the issues
9 that blood cancer patients face beyond health concerns,
10 including added distress, new financial worries, loneliness and
11 uncertainty; and

12 WHEREAS, While labs around the world were closed during the
13 COVID-19 pandemic, LLS has stayed committed to maintaining
14 support for dedicated researchers, many of whom are at the
15 outset of their career, whose work was stalled temporarily; and

16 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to the eradication of
17 blood cancer and supports the treatment of blood cancer patients
18 and their families; and

19 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth encourages private efforts to
20 enhance research funding and education programs that are saving
21 lives; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
23 2021 as "Blood Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.