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**TO:** All House Members

**SUBJECT:** January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

**FROM:** Representative Julie Harhart 

Next week, I plan to introduce a resolution recognizing January 2011 as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in Pennsylvania.

With regular and accurate screening, cervical cancer is highly preventable. However, while the incidence of cervical cancer is dropping, cervical cancer still disproportionately affects minority women and women with lower incomes who are less likely to have access to routine screening. Approximately half of all cervical cancer cases are in women who have never been screened and ten percent of cases are in women who have not been screened within the last five years. Increasing cervical cancer awareness among women, especially underserved women, decrease their likelihood of developing cervical cancer. That awareness, coupled with early detection, can successfully treat cervical cancer.

If you wish to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Michele Warren at 772-5398 or by e-mailing [mwarren@pahousegop.com](mailto:mwarren@pahousegop.com).

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