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# **MEMORANDUM**

To:

All House Members

From:

Rep. Josh Shapiro

Date:

September 20, 2011

Re:

Designating September 2011 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

In the near future, I will introduce a resolution that designates the month of September 2011 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Commonwealth, coinciding with the American Cancer Society's National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. We have designated a month devoted to this issue for the previous eleven years, and I encourage your continued support of this important resolution.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death among men. The American Cancer Society reports that Pennsylvania is expected to fall in the top 5 states with new cases in 2011. The risk of developing prostate cancer increases substantially after the age of 50, and the risk doubles every ten years thereafter. Early detection and screening are vital to curbing this disease. With early detection and screening, the five-year relative survival rate for men with localized prostate cancer is near 100%. Please join me to educate Pennsylvania men about prostate cancer so that we may continue to decrease the occurrence of this potentially fatal illness.

Please note: The following House members cosponsored this resolution last year: Baker, Barrar, Bear, Bishop, Boback, B. Boyle, Bradford, Brennan, Brooks, Brown, Buxton, Caltagirone, Causer, Christiana, Clymer, Cohen, Cox, Cutler, Daley, Delozier, DeLuca, Denlinger, DiGirolamo, Everett, Fleck, Frankel, George, Gibbons, Gillespie Gingrich, Godshall, Goodman, Grell, Grove, Hahn, Harhart, Harhai, Harkins, Helm, Hess, Hickernell, Hornaman, M. Keller, Killion, Kotick, Kortz, Longietti, Mahoney, Major, Markosekm Marsico, Micozzie, Millard, Mirabito, Oberlander, M. O'Brien, O'Neill, Parker, Payne, Peifer, Pickett, Pyle, Quinn, Readshaw, Reed, Reichley, Rock, Ross, Sabatina, Sainato, Santarsiero, Santoni, Saylor, K. Smith, Sonney, Staback, Stevenson, Swanger, Thomas, Vereb, Watson, Wheatley, White and Youngblood.

If you have any questions or wish to join me in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please contact me or Sean Brennan in my office at 783-7619 or sbrennan@pahouse.net.