



House of Representatives  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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TO: All Members

FROM: Representative Brendan Boyle

SUBJECT: Recognizing the Work of the Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership and Proclaiming November 2012 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month

When we return to session next week, I will introduce a resolution recognizing the work of the Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership and proclaiming November 2012 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer for men and women in the United States. Lung cancer kills more people than breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. More than 160,000 Americans are expected to die from lung cancer in 2012. This would account for approximately 28% of all cancer related deaths. According to the American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania will see almost 11,000 new cases of lung cancer this year with an estimated 7,750 deaths. While smoking is the #1 cause of lung cancer, exposure to radon, is the leading cause of this cancer in people who never smoked. It accounts for an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 deaths each year. Occupational exposures, such as to asbestos, are high risk factors. Workers who do not smoke, and are exposed to asbestos, are five times as likely to develop lung cancer than nonsmokers who are not exposed to asbestos.

The National Lung Cancer Partnership is a nationwide organization started by doctors, nurses and other health care professionals working to eradicate this horrific disease. The Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership, the second state chapter of the National Lung Cancer Partnership, was established in 2009. Staff and volunteers work diligently to carry out its mission of increasing public awareness, supporting research programs and improving care for patients.

The staff and volunteers of the Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership deserve to be honored for their work. In doing so, we, as members of the General Assembly, can further educate the public by proclaiming November 2012 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month".

If you wish to join me in this effort and cosponsor this resolution, please contact my legislative assistant, Kristen Womelsdorf, at 717-787-3055 or at [kwomelsd@pahouse.net](mailto:kwomelsd@pahouse.net).