

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2013 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer
2 Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Most people do not realize that the skin is the
4 largest and most visible organ of the body and performs many
5 essential tasks, such as regulating body temperature, protecting
6 internal organs, providing sensation and supporting metabolic
7 functions; and

8 WHEREAS, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the
9 United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Current estimates are that one in five Americans
11 will develop skin cancer in their lifetime; and

12 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer
13 and it is the leading cause of death from skin disease; and

14 WHEREAS, When detected early, the survival rate for patients
15 with melanoma is about 91%, and the survival rate falls to 15%
16 for those with advanced disease; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2013, the American Cancer Society estimated that

1 76,250 new cases of melanoma would be diagnosed and that 9,180
2 deaths would occur from melanoma; and

3 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young
4 adults between 25 and 29 years of age and the second most common
5 form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between 15 and
6 29 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute reports that
8 approximately \$1.9 billion is spent in the United States each
9 year on melanoma treatment; and

10 WHEREAS, The Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
11 Prevention Month is a public education service designated to
12 promote the prevention and early detection of melanoma and other
13 skin cancers; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 month of May 2013 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
16 Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.