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RESOLUTION

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Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 2014 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania and acknowledging the importance of raising
3 public awareness of the threat and causes of prostate cancer.

4 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is a disease in which normal cells
5 in the prostate gland begin to change and grow uncontrollably,
6 forming a mass called a tumor. Some prostate cancers grow very
7 slowly and may not cause problems for years; and

8 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer
9 diagnosed in men in the United States and is the most common
10 cancer among men in Pennsylvania. Data published by the
11 Pennsylvania Department of Health show that prostate cancer
12 accounted for the largest number of all cancer cases diagnosed
13 in men in Pennsylvania (25.7%) and was responsible for the
14 deaths of 1,485 men; and

15 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
16 reports that prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of
17 cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, One out of six men will be diagnosed with prostate

1 cancer in his lifetime and one out of thirty-six men nationwide
2 will die from prostate cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, The chance of developing prostate cancer rises
4 rapidly after 50 years of age. Almost two out of three prostate
5 cancers are found in men older than 65 years of age. Men whose
6 fathers or brothers have prostate cancer are twice as likely to
7 develop the disease. African-American men are 61% more likely
8 than Caucasian men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and
9 twice as likely to die from it; and

10 WHEREAS, Symptoms of prostate cancer may include difficult,
11 frequent or painful urination, blood in the urine or semen and
12 pain in the back, hips or pelvis that doesn't go away; and

13 WHEREAS, Nearly one-half of men do not realize that they are
14 at risk of developing prostate cancer; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 2014 as
16 "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
17 acknowledge the importance of raising public awareness of the
18 threat and causes of prostate cancer.