

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2017 as "National Breast Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 20, 2017, as  
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" was founded  
5 in 1985 and has since evolved into a collaboration of national  
6 public service organizations, professional medical associations  
7 and government agencies working together to promote breast  
8 cancer awareness, share information about the disease and  
9 provide greater access to services; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the  
11 "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" effort has stood at the  
12 forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues; and

13 WHEREAS, Much work remains to educate both women and men  
14 about breast health in order for them to take charge of their  
15 health through practicing routine breast self-exams to identify  
16 changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and mammograms as  
17 recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the  
18 facts about recurrence; and

1 WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves the  
2 importance of screening and detecting cancer in its early stages  
3 so that treatment can occur, increasing survival rates and  
4 healing and decreasing suffering; and

5 WHEREAS, A mammogram serves as a screening test for breast  
6 cancer that can detect cancer early; and

7 WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of  
8 age or older through mammograms helps ensure early detection of  
9 breast cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, "National Mammography Day" has existed since 1993  
11 when President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of  
12 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,  
13 particularly those in high-risk groups, to make a mammography  
14 appointment during the month of October; and

15 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important  
16 issue; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in the  
18 United States during 2017, 252,710 new cases of invasive breast  
19 cancer will be diagnosed in women, 40,610 women will die from  
20 breast cancer, 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be  
21 diagnosed in men and 460 men will die from breast cancer;  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
24 month of October 2017 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness  
25 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
27 20, 2017, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be  
28 it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all women  
30 and men in this Commonwealth to have discussions with their

1 doctors about breast cancer, particularly about the value of  
2 getting screened for breast cancer, especially if possible signs  
3 of breast cancer are detected; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage women  
5 in this Commonwealth 40 years of age or older to undergo annual  
6 mammograms and urge women 55 years of age or older to recognize  
7 the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents to  
10 take action during the month of October and throughout the year  
11 to remain informed about the incidence of breast cancer and how  
12 residents of this Commonwealth can protect themselves from the  
13 disease and take proper action if breast cancer develops.

