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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL  
28, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2011 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 99%, and the survival rate falls to 15%

1 for those with advanced disease; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2009, the American Cancer Society estimated that  
3 68,130 new cases of melanoma would be diagnosed and that 8,700  
4 deaths would occur from melanoma; and

5 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young  
6 adults between 25 and 29 years of age and the second most common  
7 form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between 15 and  
8 29 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, The estimated total direct cost associated with the  
10 treatment of melanoma in 2006 was \$1.906 billion; and

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 month of May 2011 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and  
17 Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.