

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 437 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, VULAKOVICH, CUTLER, BAKER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BRENNAN, BROOKS, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, DALEY, DEASY, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHART, HORNAMAN, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, HENNESSEY, MARSICO, MCGEEHAN, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MOUL, MULLERY, BEAR, MURT, OBERLANDER, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PYLE, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, M. SMITH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, SWANGER, TALLMAN, VEREB, YOUNGBLOOD, KIRKLAND, KILLION, GERGELY AND SAYLOR, OCTOBER 5, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 5, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2011 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2011, an estimated 44,030 people will be
4 diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660
5 will die from the disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers
7 and is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United
8 States; and

9 WHEREAS, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present
10 themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis,
11 and 74% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year
12 of their diagnoses while 94% of pancreatic cancer patients die
13 within the first five years; and

1 WHEREAS, Of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United
2 States, African Americans have the highest incidence of
3 pancreatic cancer, between 34% and 70% higher than the other
4 groups; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 2,070 deaths will occur in
6 Pennsylvania in 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, There is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there
8 have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the
9 last 40 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The Federal Government invests significantly less
11 money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the
12 other leading cancer killers; and

13 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer research constitutes only
14 approximately 2% of the National Cancer Institute's Federal
15 research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the
16 disease, its mortality rate and how little is known about how to
17 arrest it; and

18 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first
19 and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the
20 pancreatic cancer community in Pennsylvania and nationwide by
21 focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient
22 services and public awareness and education related to
23 developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic
24 cancer; and

25 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network supports
26 patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as the
27 families of those who have lost their lives to the disease, and
28 is committed to nothing less than a cure; and

29 WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of
30 Pennsylvania are enhanced as a direct result of increased

1 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early
2 detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
4 month of November 2011 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in
5 Pennsylvania.