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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 11 through 17, 2012, as "National Men's Health
2 Week" and the month of June 2012 as "National Men's Health
3 Month" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Men's Health Network reports demonstrate that an
5 ongoing, increasing and predominantly silent crisis exists in
6 the health and well-being of men in this Commonwealth and across
7 the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The Men's Health Network has determined the crisis
9 exists due to a lack of awareness, poor health education and
10 culturally induced behavior patterns in the work and personal
11 lives of men, which cause steady deterioration to their health
12 and well-being; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite medical technology and research advances,
14 men continue to live an average of five years less than women,
15 and men also die at higher rates from nine of the top ten causes

1 of death and make up 92% of workplace deaths; and

2 WHEREAS, Cancer remains a major problem and cause of death
3 for men; and

4 WHEREAS, One in six American men will develop prostate cancer
5 in his lifetime, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The number of men contracting prostate cancer
8 reached 240,000 in 2011, a 100% increase since 1993, according
9 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, with 33,000 of those cases
10 resulting in death from the disease, and African-American men
11 have the highest incidence in the world of prostate cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, Testicular cancer remains the most common cancer in
13 men 15 through 34 years of age, with approximately 7,500 cases
14 and 350 deaths occurring yearly, according to the Testicular
15 Cancer Resource Network; and

16 WHEREAS, When detected early, those with testicular cancer
17 have a 90% survival rate; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 106,000 American men contracted lung
19 disease in 2006, with 85,000 of them succumbing to the disease,
20 and despite diagnostic and survival rate improvements, the
21 American Cancer Society reports lung cancer remains the leading
22 cause of cancer deaths for men; and

23 WHEREAS, The cases of colon cancer among men numbered more
24 than 73,000 in 2011, with more than 35% of those cases resulting
25 in death due to the disease; and

26 WHEREAS, One in two American men will be diagnosed with
27 cancer during his life, while cancer strikes one in three women,
28 and further, large numbers of male-related health problems such
29 as prostate, testicular and colon cancer and infertility could
30 be detected and treated if men became more pervasively aware of

1 these problems; and

2 WHEREAS, A 2011 national survey shows women are three times
3 as likely to visit a doctor as men are on a regular basis,
4 enabling women to detect health problems in early stages; and

5 WHEREAS, Educating the public and health care providers about
6 the importance of early detection of male health problems
7 results in reducing mortality rates for men with these diseases;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Appropriate use of tests like prostate specific
10 antigen (PSA) exams, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings,
11 in conjunction with clinical examination and self-testing for
12 problems like testicular cancer, can result in the detection of
13 many of these diseases in their early stages and increase
14 survival rates to nearly 100%; and

15 WHEREAS, Many men are reluctant to visit their health center
16 or physician for regular screening examinations of male-related
17 problems for a variety of reasons, including fear, lack of
18 information and cost factors; and

19 WHEREAS, Educating men about the value preventive health can
20 play in prolonging their lives and their roles as productive
21 family members will result in higher health screenings and care;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The Men's Health Network started "Think Blue" events
24 to raise awareness of men's health issues and diagnoses and to
25 raise money for men's health research and treatment, and it also
26 promotes annually both "National Men's Health Week" for the
27 second week of June as established by the Congress of the United
28 States and the month of June as "National Men's Health Month" to
29 increase awareness of men's health issues; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June 11

1 through 17, 2012, as "National Men's Health Week" and the month
2 of June 2012 as "National Men's Health Month" in Pennsylvania;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all men in
5 this Commonwealth to increase their awareness of the value of
6 preventative measures to protect their health and well-being and
7 support programs such as the Men's Health Network's "Think Blue"
8 events, health screenings and other activities geared toward
9 inspiring men to become more physically active, eat
10 nutritiously, start or continue a healthy lifestyle and follow
11 preventative health measures.