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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 2014 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing October 17, 2014, as
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania to promote
4 awareness of breast cancer issues and encourage women and men
5 to take action to protect themselves against breast cancer.

6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society helped found National
7 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has evolved
9 into a collaboration of national public service organizations,
10 professional medical associations and government agencies
11 working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share
12 information on the disease and provide greater access to
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its inception 29 years ago, the National
15 Breast Cancer Awareness Month effort has stood at the forefront

1 of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues, yet much remains
2 to be done to educate both women and men about breast cancer
3 health in order for them to become empowered to take charge of
4 their health through practicing regular breast self-exams to
5 identify changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and
6 mammograms as recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and
7 knowing the facts about recurrence; and

8 WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves
9 helping people understand the importance of screening and
10 detecting cancer in the early stages so that early treatment can
11 occur, which will increase survival rates and healing and
12 decrease suffering; and

13 WHEREAS, A mammogram serves as a screening test for breast
14 cancer that can detect such cancer early; and

15 WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of
16 age and older through mammograms helps ensure early detection of
17 breast cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, National Mammography Day has existed since 1993 when
19 President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of
20 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,
21 particularly those in high risk groups, to make a mammography
22 appointment during the month of October during National Breast
23 Cancer Awareness Month; and

24 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important
25 issue because the American Cancer Society estimates that in the
26 United States during 2014 approximately 232,670 new cases of
27 invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and about
28 40,430 women will die from breast cancer, while about 2,360 new
29 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men, and
30 about 430 men will die from breast cancer; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
2 2014 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in
3 Pennsylvania; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
5 17, 2014, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all women
8 and men in this Commonwealth to have discussions with their
9 doctors about breast cancer, particularly about the value of
10 getting screened for breast cancer, especially if possible signs
11 of breast cancer through personal examination or otherwise are
12 detected; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage women
14 in this Commonwealth 40 years of age and older to talk with
15 their doctors about when to start getting annual mammograms and
16 urge women between 50 and 74 years of age to recognize the
17 benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge citizens to
20 take action during the month of October and at times throughout
21 the year to help people remain informed about the incidence of
22 breast cancer in this Commonwealth and elsewhere and how
23 residents of this Commonwealth can protect themselves from the
24 disease and take proper action if breast cancer develops.