## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of October 2013 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Women's and men's health is essential to the health of our families, our communities and our society; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in this Commonwealth in women between 25 and 54 years of age and primarily affects men between 60 and 70 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Three of four cases of breast cancer arise in women with no known risk factors; and

WHEREAS, Men are typically diagnosed at a late stage due to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer continues to be the most commonly
diagnosed cancer in women in the United States, regardless of race or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, There are more than two million breast cancer survivors alive today in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nearly all breast cancers can be treated successfully if found early; and

WHEREAS, When breast cancer is found at its earliest stage, the five-year survival rate is $100 \%$ and

WHEREAS, One in eight women and one in 1,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetimes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2013 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, applaud the thousands of professionals and volunteers in the fight against breast cancer and encourage all women and men to take advantage of the early detection services available to them.

