
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 695 Session of
2015

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FEBRUARY 10, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the year 2016 as "The Year to Cure Cancer" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the
4 United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society projects there will be
6 595,690 cancer deaths this year; and

7 WHEREAS, Cancer is the generic name for a subset of more than
8 100 diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, The body is made up of trillions of living cells;
10 healthy body cells divide to make new cells and die in an
11 orderly way; and

12 WHEREAS, During the early years of a person's life, normal
13 cells divide faster to allow the person to grow, and after the
14 person becomes an adult, most cells divide only to replace worn-

1 out or dying cells or to repair injuries; and

2 WHEREAS, Cancer starts when cells in a part of the body start
3 to grow out of control and, instead of dying, continue to grow
4 and form new, abnormal cells; and

5 WHEREAS, Cancer cells can invade other tissues when the
6 cancer cells get into the body's bloodstream or lymph vessels, a
7 process called metastasis; and

8 WHEREAS, The President and the Congress of the United States
9 recently made a historic investment to fight cancer with a
10 strong appropriation to the National Institutes of Health; and

11 WHEREAS, The Vice President of the United States has been
12 tasked by the President of the United States to lead the effort
13 to fight cancer in the President's last year in office; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth strongly supports this initiative
15 and urges continued investment in cancer research within this
16 Commonwealth; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 year 2016 as "The Year to Cure Cancer" in Pennsylvania.