

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 760 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, MURT, ROZZI, MILLARD, COHEN, WHEELAND, THOMAS, BAKER, DUSH, SONNEY, TOOHL, KIRKLAND, KILLION, D. COSTA, CALTAGIRONE, LONGIETTI, HENNESSEY, PICKETT, BENNINGHOFF, SCHLOSSBERG, BIZZARRO, MARSICO, PASHINSKI, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, WATSON, NEILSON, BULLOCK, HARHART, WARD, MATZIE, READSHAW, ROSS, GINGRICH, MILNE, EVERETT, GILLEN, MAJOR, BRADFORD AND DeLUCA, MARCH 22, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 22, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 31, 2016, as "C.A.S.U.A.L. Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Colon and rectal cancers are two of the most
4 frequently diagnosed cancers in northeastern Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, Incidence rates in some areas are as much as 16%
6 higher than the United States average, and mortality rates are
7 as much as 8% higher than the United States average; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 75% of new cases of colon and rectal
9 cancer occur in patients of average risk; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 550 new cases are diagnosed and
11 approximately 200 patients die from colon cancer each year in
12 the counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna,
13 Wayne and Wyoming combined; and

14 WHEREAS, The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute has been
15 easing the burden of cancer in northeastern Pennsylvania for

1 more than 24 years through community and patient services,
2 hospital and practice support services and cancer surveillance
3 programs specifically designed to meet the region's unique
4 needs; and

5 WHEREAS, On Thursday, March 31, 2016, the Northeast Regional
6 Cancer Institute is sponsoring the 13th annual "C.A.S.U.A.L.
7 (Colon Cancer Awareness Saves Unlimited Adult Lives) Day" to
8 increase colon cancer awareness throughout northeastern
9 Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, "C.A.S.U.A.L. Day" was established by the family of
11 Helen Phillips, who fought a courageous battle against colon
12 cancer and died in the summer of 2002; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
14 31, 2016, as "C.A.S.U.A.L. Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
17 Pennsylvania residents to be screened for early detection of
18 colon cancer and participate in and support the Northeast
19 Regional Cancer Institute's colon cancer awareness efforts.