
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 460 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, GREENLEAF, BAKER, DINNIMAN, BLAKE,
FONTANA, McGARRIGLE, BREWSTER, SABATINA, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN,
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RESCHENTHALER, WHITE, BARTOLOTTA AND RAFFERTY,
OCTOBER 18, 2016

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 18, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2016 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 21, 2016, as
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" was founded
5 in 1985 and has since evolved into a collaboration of national
6 public service organizations, professional medical associations
7 and government agencies working together to promote breast
8 cancer awareness, share information on the disease and provide
9 greater access to services; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the
11 "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" effort has stood at the
12 forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues; and

13 WHEREAS, Much remains to be done to educate both women and
14 men about breast health in order for them to become empowered to
15 take charge of their health through practicing regular breast
16 self-exams to identify changes, scheduling regular doctor visits

1 and mammograms as recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment
2 and knowing the facts about recurrence; and

3 WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves
4 helping people understand the importance of screening and
5 detecting cancer in its early stages so that treatment can
6 occur, increasing survival rates and healing and decreasing
7 suffering; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of
11 age or older through mammograms helps ensure early detection of
12 breast cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, "National Mammography Day" has existed since 1993
14 when President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of
15 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,
16 particularly those in high risk groups, to make a mammography
17 appointment during the month of October; and

18 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important
19 issue; and

20 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in the
21 United States during 2016, 246,660 new cases of invasive breast
22 cancer will be diagnosed in women, 40,450 women will die from
23 breast cancer, 2,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
24 diagnosed in men and 440 men will die from breast cancer;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2016
27 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and
28 be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 21, 2016, as
30 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all women and men in this
2 Commonwealth to have discussions with their doctors about breast
3 cancer, particularly about the value of getting screened for
4 breast cancer, especially if possible signs of breast cancer are
5 detected; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage women in this
7 Commonwealth 40 years of age or older to undergo annual
8 mammograms and urge women 55 years of age or older to recognize
9 the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents to take action
12 during the month of October and throughout the year to help
13 people remain informed about the incidence of breast cancer and
14 how residents of this Commonwealth can protect themselves from
15 the disease and take proper action if breast cancer develops.