
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 171 Session of
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D. COSTA, DeLUCA, MARSICO AND GILLEN, MARCH 21, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 21, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 31, 2017, 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 17%
6 higher than the United States average, and mortality rates are
7 as much as 13% 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 911 new cases are diagnosed and
11 approximately 337 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
16 more than 25 years through community and patient services,

1 hospital and practice support services and cancer surveillance
2 programs specifically designed to meet the region's unique
3 needs; and

4 WHEREAS, On Friday, March 31, 2017, the Northeast Regional
5 Cancer Institute is sponsoring the 14th annual "C.A.S.U.A.L.
6 (Colon Cancer Awareness Saves Unlimited Adult Lives) Day" to
7 increase colon cancer awareness throughout northeastern
8 Pennsylvania; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
13 31, 2017, as "C.A.S.U.A.L. Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
14 further

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