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JULY 12, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2017 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 20, 2017, 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 about the disease and
9 provide 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 work remains to educate both women and men
14 about breast health in order for them to take charge of their

1 health through practicing routine breast self-exams to identify
2 changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and mammograms as
3 recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the
4 facts about recurrence; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in the
22 United States during 2017, 252,710 new cases of invasive breast
23 cancer will be diagnosed in women, 40,610 women will die from
24 breast cancer, 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
25 diagnosed in men and 460 men will die from breast cancer;
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 month of October 2017 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness
29 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October

1 20, 2017, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be
2 it further

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

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

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