
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KINSEY, SONNEY AND DUSH, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 13, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2017 as "Lung Cancer Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The number of deaths due to lung cancer in the
4 United States is more than all those combined from colon,
5 breast, pancreatic and prostate cancers, making it the leading
6 cause of cancer deaths in this country; and

7 WHEREAS, The number of deaths due to lung cancer increased by
8 more than 4% between 1999 and 2008, from 152,156 to 158,656; and

9 WHEREAS, While cigarette smoking is the primary cause of
10 almost 90% of lung cancer cases, exposure to radon is the second
11 leading cause of lung cancer deaths annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Other factors include exposure to cigarette smoke
13 and occupational exposure to carcinogens such as asbestos,
14 uranium and coke; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the American Lung Association, an
16 estimated 160,340 individuals in the United States have

1 succumbed to lung cancer in 2012 with an additional 222,500 new
2 cases projected to be diagnosed this year; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 373,000 Americans are living with lung
4 cancer, with the majority of the cases having been diagnosed
5 within the last five years; and

6 WHEREAS, Even though more men are diagnosed with this disease
7 each year, the rate of new lung cancer cases over the last 33
8 years has dropped for men but has steadily risen for women at a
9 rate of 106%; and

10 WHEREAS, The lung cancer incidence rate for black men is 47%
11 higher than it is for white men even though their exposure to
12 cigarette smoke is approximately the same; and

13 WHEREAS, Lung cancer incidence rates for black women and
14 white women are basically equal in spite of data that indicates
15 that more white women are cigarette smokers; and

16 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, lung cancer incidence rates in
17 2008, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
18 Prevention, were between 66.9 and 73.7 per 100,000 and the death
19 rate was between 50.8 and 56.1 per 100,000; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of November 2017 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in
22 Pennsylvania.