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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 232 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA,  
BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FARNESE,  
FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KILLION,  
MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCAVELLO,  
STREET, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, WARD, WHITE AND YUDICHAK,  
OCTOBER 24, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, More than 53,000 people will be diagnosed with  
4 pancreatic cancer this year in the United States, and 43,000  
5 will die from the disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers in  
7 the United States, with a near 90% mortality rate; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation for  
9 pancreatic cancer diagnoses; and

10 WHEREAS, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer appear, it is  
11 usually too late for an optimistic prognosis; and

12 WHEREAS, The average life expectancy of persons diagnosed  
13 with metastatic disease is only three to six months; and

14 WHEREAS, The incidence of pancreatic cancer is higher in men  
15 than in women and higher in African Americans than in other  
16 ethnic groups; and

1       WHEREAS, Increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and  
2 research into early detection, causes and effective treatment  
3 directly enhance the good health and well-being of the residents  
4 of this Commonwealth; and

5       WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first  
6 and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the  
7 pancreatic cancer community in Pennsylvania and nationwide; and

8       WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network focuses on  
9 public policy, research funding, patient services, public  
10 awareness and education related to developing effective  
11 treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

12       WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its  
13 affiliates support patients currently battling pancreatic cancer  
14 as well as families of those who have lost their lives to the  
15 disease and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

16       WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is dedicated to  
17 increasing research funding and advocating for the allocation of  
18 appropriate research funding from the Federal Government to the  
19 National Cancer Institute to discover and develop enhanced  
20 detection techniques and improved treatment methods for  
21 pancreatic cancer; therefore be it

22       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November  
23 2017 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in  
24 support of the goals of educating the residents of this  
25 Commonwealth about the aggressive nature and lethality of  
26 pancreatic cancer and the lack of adequate funding toward  
27 lifesaving research and detection methods.