
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2018 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is being
4 observed in this Commonwealth to create awareness of pancreatic
5 cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2018, an estimated 55,440 people will be
7 diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and
8 44,330 people will die from the disease; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation for
12 pancreatic cancer diagnoses; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, The incidence of pancreatic cancer is higher in men

1 than in women and higher in African Americans than in other
2 ethnic groups; and

3 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the residents of this
4 Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased
5 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early
6 detection, causes and effective treatments; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is dedicated to
8 increasing research funding and advocating for the allocation of
9 appropriate research funding from the Federal Government to the
10 National Cancer Institute to discover and develop enhanced
11 detection techniques and improved treatment methods for
12 pancreatic cancer; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
14 2018 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in
15 support of the goals of educating the residents of this
16 Commonwealth about the aggressive nature and lethality of
17 pancreatic cancer and the lack of adequate funding toward
18 lifesaving research and detection methods.