
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 11, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2019, an estimated 4,230 individuals will be
4 diagnosed with bladder cancer in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer affects individuals of all ages and
6 backgrounds and is among the top 10 cancers with the highest
7 incidence rates in the United States, with Pennsylvania ranked
8 fifth in new cases of bladder cancer diagnosed as of 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer is known as one of the most expensive
10 cancers to treat on a per-patient basis, with a recurrence rate
11 of approximately 50% to 80%, and requires lifelong surveillance;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, If diagnosed early, bladder cancer is treatable; and

14 WHEREAS, If diagnosis and treatment are delayed, the life
15 expectancy of an individual with bladder cancer decreases; and

1 WHEREAS, Military veterans are more likely than nonveterans
2 to be diagnosed with bladder cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, Women are often diagnosed at a later stage of
4 bladder cancer and when diagnosed at the same stage as men,
5 women have worse survival rates; and

6 WHEREAS, The quality of life for an individual with bladder
7 cancer depends on diagnostic and treatment developments and
8 research advancements; and

9 WHEREAS, There have been no new treatments developed for
10 bladder cancer in more than 20 years; and

11 WHEREAS, A lack of awareness about bladder cancer within the
12 medical community and general public has limited research
13 advancements for the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, Increased awareness promotes early diagnosis and
15 higher survival rates; and

16 WHEREAS, Increased awareness bolsters public support for
17 medical treatment and leads to greater funding for innovative
18 research and development relating to diagnostic tools and
19 treatment options; and

20 WHEREAS, Traditionally on the first Saturday in May,
21 survivors, caregivers and loved ones walk together throughout
22 the United States to raise awareness for bladder cancer; and

23 WHEREAS, The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network and its
24 community of patients, caregivers and specialists foster hope
25 and support, fund and conduct research and promote public
26 awareness of bladder cancer; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 month of May 2019 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in
29 Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals

1 and ideals of "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month"; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on the
4 residents of this Commonwealth to promote awareness of bladder
5 cancer, foster an understanding of the impact of the disease,
6 take an active role in the fight to end bladder cancer and
7 observe "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" with appropriate
8 ceremonies and activities.