

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2019 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 18, 2019, 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
15 health through practicing routine breast self-exams to identify

1 changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and mammograms as
2 recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the
3 facts about recurrence; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in the
21 United States during 2019, 268,600 new cases of invasive breast
22 cancer will be diagnosed in women, 41,760 women will die from
23 breast cancer, 2,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
24 diagnosed in men and 500 men will die from breast cancer;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
27 month of October 2019 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness
28 Month" in Pennsylvania and October 18, 2019, as "National
29 Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all women

1 and men in this Commonwealth to have discussions with their
2 doctors about breast cancer, particularly about the value of
3 getting screened for breast cancer, especially if possible signs
4 of breast cancer are detected; and be it further

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

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