
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DONATUCCI, HENNESSEY, KIM, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, MURT,
NEILSON, READSHAW, SONNEY AND STAATS, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 12, 2020, as "World Cholangiocarcinoma Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cholangiocarcinoma, known as bile duct cancer, is a
4 rare form of cancer that originates from the cells lining the
5 bile ducts that play a key role in digestion; and

6 WHEREAS, The three types of cholangiocarcinoma are
7 intrahepatic, extrahepatic and perihilar; and

8 WHEREAS, There are approximately 12,000 Americans diagnosed
9 with cholangiocarcinoma each year in the United States and the
10 number of individuals who are diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma
11 is increasing on an annual basis; and

12 WHEREAS, The mortality rate for individuals diagnosed with
13 cholangiocarcinoma has increased dramatically in the last
14 decade; and

15 WHEREAS, Symptoms of cholangiocarcinoma include jaundice,
16 abdominal pain, itchy skin and weight loss and the symptoms do
17 not usually occur until the disease has progressively advanced;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Individuals with cholangiocarcinoma are typically
3 diagnosed at a late stage of the disease because there is no
4 validated early method of detection; and

5 WHEREAS, Cholangiocarcinoma is among the top eight deadliest
6 cancers; and

7 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for cholangiocarcinoma;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Kelly green is the color representing
10 cholangiocarcinoma awareness; and

11 WHEREAS, Foundations, research and teaching hospitals, rare
12 cancer advocate groups and patient advocate groups from around
13 the globe have joined forces to recognize February 12 of each
14 year as "World Cholangiocarcinoma Day"; and

15 WHEREAS, Increased cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness,
16 research and education will bring improved outcomes for patients
17 by promoting earlier detection and treatment and potential
18 curative methods; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
20 February 12, 2020, as "World Cholangiocarcinoma Day" in
21 Pennsylvania.