
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 16, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2020 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The pancreas is a thin, pear-shaped gland behind the
4 stomach that plays an important role in the digestive system by
5 producing fluids to help break down food and hormones to control
6 blood sugar levels; and

7 WHEREAS, There are typically no symptoms during the early
8 stages of pancreatic cancer and it spreads quickly throughout
9 the body, making it difficult to detect and harder to treat in
10 later stages; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms that could indicate pancreatic cancer
12 include upper abdominal pain, weight loss, jaundice, severe
13 itching, digestive problems, nausea and vomiting; and

14 WHEREAS, The exact cause of pancreatic cancer is yet to be
15 determined; and

1 WHEREAS, Risk factors, including genetics, age, smoking,
2 obesity and long-standing diabetes, may contribute to the
3 development of pancreatic cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of
5 cancer-related deaths in men and women in the United States each
6 year; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2020, more than 47,050 deaths and an estimated
8 57,600 new cases of pancreatic cancer are expected to occur in
9 the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Pancreatic Cancer Action
11 Network and the National Pancreas Foundation are committed to
12 helping and empowering patients suffering from pancreatic
13 cancer, focusing efforts on public policy, research funding,
14 patient services and public awareness, and developing effective
15 treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is celebrated
17 each November to highlight awareness efforts and strengthen the
18 voices speaking out about pancreatic cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of
20 this Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased
21 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research regarding early
22 detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
24 month of November 2020 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in
25 Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly support
27 educational activities and programs designed to strengthen
28 awareness and support those living with pancreatic cancer.