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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 15, 2019, as "International Childhood  
2 Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "International Childhood Cancer Day" increases  
4 awareness of children fighting pediatric cancer across the  
5 globe; and

6 WHEREAS, "International Childhood Cancer Day" honors those  
7 children who lost their battle with cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, Cancer is one of the leading causes of death among  
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, The rate of children diagnosed with cancer has  
11 increased since the 1970s; and

12 WHEREAS, The International Agency for Research on Cancer  
13 reported in 2015 that the worldwide incidence of childhood  
14 cancer increased from 165,000 to 215,000 cases annually for  
15 children 14 years of age and younger; and

16 WHEREAS, The number of pediatric cancer cases is likely

1 higher than what is currently reported due to the lack of  
2 registries in countries across the globe; and

3 WHEREAS, Projections indicate there are approximately 300,000  
4 new cases of pediatric cancer diagnosed or left undiagnosed each  
5 year; and

6 WHEREAS, Children from impoverished countries lack access to  
7 medicines and treatment that could save their lives; and

8 WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate among children diagnosed  
9 with cancer is approximately 80%; and

10 WHEREAS, The survival rate depends heavily on the type of  
11 cancer and other factors; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize February 15, 2019, as  
13 "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.