
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 15, 2020, 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, In 2015, the International Agency for Research on
13 Cancer reported that the worldwide incidence of childhood cancer
14 increased from 165,000 to 215,000 cases annually for children 14
15 years of age or younger; and

16 WHEREAS, The number of pediatric cancer cases is likely
17 higher than what is currently reported due to the lack of
18 registries in countries across the globe; and

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

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

6 WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate among children diagnosed
7 with cancer is nearly 90% according to the Surveillance,
8 Epidemiology, and End Results Program; and

9 WHEREAS, The survival rate depends heavily on the type of
10 cancer and other factors; and

11 WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate does not take into
12 account complications many children face after reaching that
13 milestone, including complications that lead to premature
14 deaths; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize February 15, 2020, as
16 "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.