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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, 2021, 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, According to the "International Childhood Cancer  
11 Day" organization, a child battling pediatric cancer dies every  
12 three minutes; and

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

15 WHEREAS, The most recent data provided by the International  
16 Agency for Research on Cancer estimated that the incidence of  
17 childhood cancer increased to 215,000 cases annually; and

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

4       WHEREAS, Some sources suggest the annual incidence rate has  
5 climbed to more than 300,000 cases of pediatric cancer annually;  
6 and

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

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

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

13       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize February 15, 2021, as  
14 "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.