
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY OBERLANDER, ROWE, McNEILL, HEFFLEY, PICKETT,
KINSEY, MALAGARI, SCHLOSSBERG, CURRY, CAUSER, CERRATO,
NEILSON AND CONKLIN, APRIL 16, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 6 through 12, 2024, as "Women's Lung
2 Health Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is by far the leading cause of cancer
4 deaths in the United States, accounting for about one in five of
5 all cancer deaths; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, more people die of lung cancer than of
7 colon, breast and prostate cancers combined; and

8 WHEREAS, Lung cancer, both small cell and non-small cell, is
9 the second most common cancer in women in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The lung cancer death rate in women has almost
11 doubled over the past 40 years; and

12 WHEREAS, For 2024, the American Cancer Society's estimate for
13 the diagnosis of new lung cancer in women in the United States
14 is approximately 118,270, with lung cancer resulting in 59,280
15 deaths of women in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The chance that a woman will develop lung cancer in
17 her lifetime is about 1 in 17, including both smokers and

1 nonsmokers; and

2 WHEREAS, White women are about 16% more likely to develop
3 lung cancer than Black women; and

4 WHEREAS, Black women are less likely to be diagnosed with
5 lung cancer at an early stage when survival rates are the
6 highest; and

7 WHEREAS, While women have lower rates of lung cancer than
8 men, the lung cancer rate among women has been dropping only
9 during the past decade; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association celebrates 120 years
11 of impact in 2024 and leads the national initiative to defeat
12 lung cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, Public support for research funding will result in
14 new treatments and better methods of early detection; and

15 WHEREAS, Lung cancer screening saves lives and advocacy and
16 increased awareness will result in more high-risk individuals
17 getting screened; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 week of May 6 through 12, 2024, as "Women's Lung Health Week" in
20 Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
22 residents of this Commonwealth to learn more about the detection
23 and treatment of lung cancer.