
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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2009

INTRODUCED BY MELLOW, McILHINNEY, PILEGGI, STACK, HUGHES, FERLO,
ORIE, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, KASUNIC,
TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, WAUGH, ROBBINS, FONTANA, LOGAN,
D. WHITE, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, FARNESE, STOUT, BRUBAKER, O'PAKE,
BAKER, VOGEL, MUSTO, EARLL, GREENLEAF, ALLOWAY AND COSTA,
OCTOBER 8, 2009

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2009 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 37,000 people will be diagnosed with
4 pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and 34,000 will
5 die from the disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the
7 fourth-leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer will cause approximately 1,920
9 deaths in this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of pancreatic cancer patients
11 die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95% of
12 pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there
14 have been no significant improvements in early detection,
15 treatment methods or survival rates in the last 25 years; and

16 WHEREAS, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present

1 themselves it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis,
2 and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with
3 metastasis disease is only three to six months; and

4 WHEREAS, Incidence of pancreatic cancer is 20% to 30% higher
5 in men than in women and 40% to 50% higher in African Americans
6 than in other ethnic groups; and

7 WHEREAS, The Federal Government invests less money in
8 pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other
9 leading cancers; and

10 WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of
11 this Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased
12 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early
13 detection, causes and effective treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first
15 and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the
16 pancreatic cancer community in Pennsylvania and nationwide by
17 focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient
18 services and public awareness and education related to
19 developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic
20 cancer; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its
22 affiliates support those patients currently battling pancreatic
23 cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the
24 disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

25 WHEREAS, Fund a Cure for Pancreatic Cancer, a Pennsylvania-
26 based nonprofit advocacy group, is dedicated to increasing
27 funding for pancreatic cancer research and to advocating for the
28 allocation of appropriate research funding from the Federal
29 Government to the National Cancer Institute to discover and
30 develop enhanced detection techniques and improved treatment

1 methods for pancreatic cancer; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
3 2009 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in
4 support of the goals of educating the citizens of this
5 Commonwealth about the lethality of pancreatic cancer, how
6 quickly it claims the lives of those afflicted and the lack of
7 adequate funding towards lifesaving research and detection
8 methods.