
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 19, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2020 as "NovemBEARD Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, During "NovemBEARD Month," also known as "No-Shave
4 November," participants forgo shaving and grooming for the
5 entire month of November to promote cancer awareness and bring
6 attention to men's health issues; and

7 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer develops in the prostate gland and
8 is the most common cancer found in American men, other than skin
9 cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately one in nine men in the United States
11 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime; and

12 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer usually grows slowly and may not
13 cause serious harm, while other cases may be more aggressive and
14 spread quickly; and

15 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer that is detected early has a better
16 chance of successful treatment, but men may still face side
17 effects and other issues that lead to lower quality of life; and

1 WHEREAS, Death from prostate cancer is the second-leading
2 cause of cancer deaths among American men, only behind lung
3 cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Medical research has further shown that racial
5 disparities exist among men who have prostate cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Black men are more likely to develop prostate cancer
7 during their lifetimes than white men; and

8 WHEREAS, Death rates are almost twice as high for black men
9 than white men, with 1 in 25 succumbing to the disease as
10 opposed to 1 in 45 white men; and

11 WHEREAS, Most men are susceptible to developing prostate
12 cancer when they are older, with 66 years of age being the
13 average age at diagnosis; and

14 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, prostate cancer is the most
15 frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the third most common
16 cause of cancer-related deaths among males; and

17 WHEREAS, The Northwest and Southeast regions have the highest
18 incidents of prostate cancer in this Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, In recent years, the counties with the highest
20 totals of prostate cancer cases have been Philadelphia,
21 Allegheny, Montgomery, Bucks and Delaware; and

22 WHEREAS, During the 2015-2016 legislative session, the
23 Prostate Cancer Task Force was established to investigate and
24 raise awareness about prostate cancer throughout this
25 Commonwealth; and

26 WHEREAS, "NovemBEARD Month" is an opportunity to encourage
27 participants across this Commonwealth to forgo shaving for the
28 entire month of November to spread awareness about cancer and
29 men's health issues; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

1 month of November 2020 as "NovemBEARD Month" in Pennsylvania.