
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2017 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2017, it is estimated that 4,190 individuals will
4 be diagnosed with bladder cancer in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 500,000 individuals throughout the United
6 States live with bladder cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer affects individuals of all ages and
8 backgrounds and is among the top 10 cancers with the highest
9 incidence rates in the United States, with Pennsylvania ranked
10 fifth in new cases of bladder cancer diagnosed as of 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer is known as one of the most expensive
12 cancers to treat on a per-patient basis with a recurrence rate
13 of approximately 50% to 80% and requires lifelong surveillance;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer symptoms, such as blood in urine, are

1 easily recognized; however, many people are unaware of the
2 threat of bladder cancer, which often delays diagnosis and
3 treatment; and

4 WHEREAS, If diagnosed early, bladder cancer is treatable; and

5 WHEREAS, If diagnosis and treatment are delayed, the life
6 expectancy of an individual with bladder cancer decreases; and

7 WHEREAS, Military veterans are more likely than nonveterans
8 to be diagnosed with bladder cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, Women are often diagnosed at a later stage in the
10 development of bladder cancer and when diagnosed at the same
11 stage as men, women have a worse prognosis; and

12 WHEREAS, The quality of life for an individual with bladder
13 cancer depends on future treatment and diagnostic developments,
14 which rely on research advancements; and

15 WHEREAS, There have been no new treatments developed for
16 bladder cancer in more than 20 years; and

17 WHEREAS, A lack of awareness about bladder cancer within the
18 medical community and general public has limited research
19 advancements for the disease; and

20 WHEREAS, Increased awareness promotes early diagnosis and
21 increases chances of survival; and

22 WHEREAS, Increased awareness bolsters public support for
23 treating the disease and leads to increased funding for
24 innovative research and the development of new treatment options
25 and diagnostic tools; and

26 WHEREAS, Traditionally on the first Saturday in May,
27 survivors, caregivers and loved ones walk together throughout
28 the United States to raise awareness of bladder cancer; and

29 WHEREAS, The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network and its
30 community of patients, caregivers and specialists to foster a

1 community of hope and support, fund and conduct research for
2 innovative treatments and diagnostic tools and increase public
3 awareness and understanding of bladder cancer; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 month of May 2017 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
8 and ideals of "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month"; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on the
11 residents of this Commonwealth to promote awareness of bladder
12 cancer, foster an understanding of the impact of the disease,
13 take an active role in the fight to end bladder cancer and
14 observe "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" with appropriate
15 ceremonies and activities.