
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LABS, MARCELL, TOMLINSON, KINSEY, PICKETT,
SCHMITT, VENKAT, CURRY, CAUSER, OTTEN, O'MARA, ROWE, MENTZER,
NEILSON, MOUL AND DALEY, MAY 14, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 14, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2024 as "Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" and October 18, 2024, as "National
3 Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, October has been long recognized across America as
5 "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in an effort to educate everyone
6 about cancer and raise public awareness about the importance of
7 early detection; and

8 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is one of the most prevalent cancers
9 worldwide and the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women
10 in the United States after skin cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is also the most common cancer type
12 among young females, accounting for 30% of diagnosed cancer
13 cases in American adolescent and young adult women; and

14 WHEREAS, One in eight women in the United States will face a
15 breast cancer diagnosis during her lifetime; and

16 WHEREAS, Approximately 140,000 women in Pennsylvania are
17 currently living with breast cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 13,000 women in Pennsylvania receive a

1 breast cancer diagnosis each year; and

2 WHEREAS, Breast cancer occurs in every country in the world
3 and affects both men and women, although men account for less
4 than 1% of breast cancer cases; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2024, an estimated 310,720 women and 2,800 men
6 will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, When detected in its earliest, localized stages, the
8 five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer is an
9 impressive 99%; and

10 WHEREAS, There are currently more than 4 million breast
11 cancer survivors across the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Clinical breast examinations, regular mammograms and
13 breast self-examinations remain critical tools for detecting
14 breast cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, The use of mammography in the United States has been
16 credited with doubling the detection of early stage breast
17 cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, Efforts to promote increased mammogram screening
19 have resulted in the third Friday in October being observed
20 annually as "National Mammography Day;" and

21 WHEREAS, Significant advances in early detection and
22 treatment methods have dramatically improved breast cancer
23 survival rates in recent years; and

24 WHEREAS, Mammography screening cuts the risk of dying from
25 breast cancer nearly in half; and

26 WHEREAS, Even with impressive progress, many women do not
27 utilize mammograms or other recommended testing methods at
28 regular intervals before physical symptoms can be seen or felt;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Breast cancer does not discriminate - men and women

1 from all walks of life and of all ages and backgrounds are at
2 risk of developing breast cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" sheds light on
4 preventative treatments and measures women can utilize to fight
5 breast cancer before it occurs or detect breast cancer in its
6 early stages; and

7 WHEREAS, Thousands of professionals and volunteers fight
8 against breast cancer and tirelessly work to raise funds,
9 increase public awareness and provide support to those affected
10 by breast cancer; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 month of October 2024 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and
13 October 18, 2024, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
16 Pennsylvanians to use this month as an opportunity to educate
17 themselves about breast cancer and take proactive steps to
18 reduce their risks and get appropriate screenings; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives stand together in
21 solidarity with individuals battling breast cancer, offering our
22 unwavering support, compassion and hope.