
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AUGUST 25, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 25, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2015 as "Prostate Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and acknowledging the
3 importance of raising public awareness of the threat and
4 causes of prostate cancer.

5 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is a disease in which normal cells
6 in the prostate gland begin to change and grow uncontrollably,
7 forming a mass called a tumor; and

8 WHEREAS, Some prostate cancers grow very slowly and may not
9 cause problems for years; and

10 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer
11 diagnosed in men in the United States and is the most common
12 cancer among men in Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, Data published by the Pennsylvania Department of
14 Health show that prostate cancer accounted for the largest

1 number of all cancer cases diagnosed in men in Pennsylvania,
2 with 9,065 cases in 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 reports that prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of
5 cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, One out of 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate
7 cancer in his lifetime and 1 out of 36 men nationwide will die
8 from prostate cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, The chance of developing prostate cancer rises
10 rapidly after 50 years of age, and almost two out of three
11 prostate cancers are found in men older than 65 years of age;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Men whose fathers or brothers have prostate cancer
14 are twice as likely to develop the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, African-American men are 61% more likely than
16 Caucasian men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and are twice
17 as likely to die from it; and

18 WHEREAS, Often there are no noticeable symptoms of prostate
19 cancer while it is in the early stages; however, symptoms of
20 more advanced prostate cancer may include difficult, frequent or
21 painful urination, blood in the urine or semen and pain in the
22 back, hips or pelvis that does not go away; and

23 WHEREAS, Nearly one-half of men do not realize that they are
24 at risk of developing prostate cancer; and

25 WHEREAS, Increasing awareness about prostate cancer and early
26 detection strategies is crucial to saving lives and preserving
27 and protecting families; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 month of September 2015 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in
30 Pennsylvania and acknowledge the importance of raising public

1 awareness of the threat and causes of prostate cancer.