

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 804 Session of 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 2014 as "Cancer Survivors Recognition Month" in
 2 Pennsylvania and honoring all cancer survivors for their
 3 strength and courage in the face of this devastating illness.

4 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute reports that
 5 approximately 1.6 million new cases of cancer are expected to be
 6 diagnosed in the United States in 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 79,920
 8 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Pennsylvania in 2014;
 9 and

10 WHEREAS, As a result of advances in early detection and
 11 treatment, cancer has become a curable disease for some and a
 12 chronic illness for many others; and

13 WHEREAS, A cancer survivor is anyone living with a history of

1 cancer from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of
2 life; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society and the National Cancer
4 Institute estimate that 13.7 million Americans with a history of
5 cancer were alive in January 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
7 reports that there are 608,000 cancer survivors in Pennsylvania;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Cancer survivors come in many forms: parent, child,
10 grandparent, family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor; and

11 WHEREAS, Cancer survivorship has three distinct phases:
12 living with cancer, living through cancer and living beyond
13 cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, Survivorship can be both stressful and hopeful.
15 Surviving cancer can leave a host of problems in its wake.
16 Physical, emotional and financial hardships often persist for
17 years after diagnosis and treatment; and

18 WHEREAS, Many cancer survivors are deeply grateful to their
19 caregivers, family, friends, health care providers and
20 communities for their love, dedication and support as they
21 battle cancer; and

22 WHEREAS, Despite the fear, the challenges and the setbacks,
23 life after a cancer diagnosis can be meaningful, productive and
24 even inspiring and triumphant; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
26 2014 as "Cancer Survivors Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania in
27 celebration of life; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all cancer
29 survivors and urge all citizens to pause to honor those who are
30 living with a history of cancer for their strength, courage and

1 inspiration.