
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, Data published by the Department of Health show that
14 prostate cancer accounted for the largest percentage of all
15 cancer cases diagnosed in men in this Commonwealth and was
16 responsible for the deaths of 1,485 men; and

17 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
18 reports that prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of

1 cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer; and

2 WHEREAS, One in six men will be diagnosed with prostate
3 cancer in his lifetime and one in thirty-six men nationwide will
4 die from prostate cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, The chance of developing prostate cancer rises
6 rapidly after 50 years of age. Almost two out of three prostate
7 cancers are found in men older than 65 years of age; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Symptoms of prostate cancer may include difficult,
14 frequent or painful urination, blood in the urine or semen and
15 pain in the back, hips or pelvis that does not go away; and

16 WHEREAS, Nearly one-half of men do not realize that they are
17 at risk of developing prostate cancer; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
19 2015 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
20 acknowledge the importance of raising public awareness of the
21 threat and causes of prostate cancer.