
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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TEPLITZ, COSTA, YAW, BREWSTER, FARNESE, BROWNE, RAFFERTY,
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NOVEMBER 18, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2015 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2015, an estimated 46,420 people will be
4 diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590
5 people will die from the disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, is
7 currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United
8 States and is projected to become the second deadliest cancer by
9 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a
11 five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just
12 6%; and

13 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer symptoms generally present late
14 stage and 73% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first
15 year of their diagnosis, while 94% of pancreatic cancer patients
16 die within the first five years; and

17 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,990 deaths caused by pancreatic

1 cancer will occur in Pennsylvania in 2015; and

2 WHEREAS, The Federal Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012
3 directs the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific
4 framework or strategic plan to fight pancreatic cancer and other
5 deadly cancers; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national
7 organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in
8 Pennsylvania and nationwide through a comprehensive approach
9 that includes public policy, research funding, patient services
10 and public awareness and education related to developing
11 effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its
13 affiliates in this Commonwealth support those patients currently
14 battling pancreatic cancer and are committed to nothing less
15 than a cure; and

16 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the residents of this
17 Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased
18 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early
19 detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
21 2015 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.