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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CAPPELLETTI, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, MARTIN, DILLON,  
LAUGHLIN, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD, COMMITTA, KEARNEY,  
HUTCHINSON, KANE, STEFANO AND SCHWANK, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2023 as "Cervical Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer and  
4 fourth most frequent cause of cancer deaths in women worldwide;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 13,000 women are diagnosed with cervical  
7 cancer each year in the United States and more than 4,000 women  
8 die as a result; and

9 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth there are approximately 500 new  
10 cases of cervical cancer annually; and

11 WHEREAS, The disease is almost totally treatable or  
12 preventable with routine screening; and

13 WHEREAS, Hispanic women have the highest rate of cervical  
14 cancer and Black, non-Hispanic women are more likely to die of  
15 cervical cancer than any other group; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society guidelines for the  
17 prevention and early detection of cervical cancers recommend

1 cervical cancer screening begin at age 25; and

2 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer can be eliminated in the United  
3 States, but education is needed regarding the importance of  
4 prevention and screening; and

5 WHEREAS, When precancerous changes are detected and treated,  
6 cervical cancer can be prevented; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Health's Breast and Cervical  
8 Cancer Early Detection Program and the Department of Human  
9 Services' Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment  
10 Program provide access and support for Commonwealth residents to  
11 get the breast and cervical cancer screenings recommended by  
12 physicians; and

13 WHEREAS, Mortality from cervical cancer is associated with  
14 being diagnosed at a later stage, which can stem from limited  
15 access to and uptake of preventative services and a lack of  
16 follow-up care after an abnormal screening result; and

17 WHEREAS, Awareness of cervical cancer, its risk factors and  
18 the importance of access to preventative measures are critical  
19 to perpetuating the continual decrease of the incidence of  
20 cervical cancer in women in this Commonwealth and across the  
21 nation; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of January 2023  
23 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.