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SENATE RESOLUTION

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BREWSTER, MAY 7, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 7, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2024 as "Mammography Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A mammogram is a noninvasive X-ray used to detect
4 breast abnormalities and cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Mammograms often detect cancer early, long before it
6 can be felt and when it is most treatable, and can allow women
7 to avoid more extensive treatment; and

8 WHEREAS, An estimated one in four women from 50 to 74 years
9 of age has not received a mammogram in the past two years; and

10 WHEREAS, Women who reported cost as a barrier to access
11 health care are approximately twice as likely not to pursue
12 a follow-up mammogram or screening; and

13 WHEREAS, Screening mammograms have been shown to provide
14 increased odds of survival by reducing breast cancer death by
15 22% and one study shows mammography screening cuts the risk of
16 dying from breast cancer nearly in half; and

17 WHEREAS, Three out of four women diagnosed with breast cancer

1 have no family history of the disease and are not considered
2 high risk; and

3 WHEREAS, The American College of Radiology recommends that
4 patients ask their medical provider whether a mammogram before
5 40 years of age is advised, if other tests, like an MRI, are
6 recommended with a yearly mammogram or if more frequent checks
7 are advisable for a high-risk patient; and

8 WHEREAS, One in six breast cancers occurs in women in their
9 40s; and

10 WHEREAS, As cancers in young women are often more deadly,
11 current American College of Radiology guidelines urge all women
12 to talk with their doctor about their individual breast cancer
13 risk by age 25; and

14 WHEREAS, Breast cancer mainly occurs in middle-aged and older
15 women with the median age at the time of breast cancer diagnosis
16 being 62 years of age; and

17 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in
18 the United States, accounting for about 30%, or one in three, of
19 all new female cancers each year; and

20 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2024
21 an estimated 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
22 diagnosed in women and 2,790 new cases in men, about 56,500 new
23 cases of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) will be diagnosed, and
24 about 42,250 women will die from breast cancer; and

25 WHEREAS, Early detection of breast cancer is critical
26 considering the survival rate of breast cancer detected in the
27 localized stage is 99% yet only 64% of breast cancer cases are
28 detected in this stage; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2024 as
30 "Mammography Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage residents of this
2 Commonwealth, particularly those in high-risk groups, to make a
3 mammography appointment.