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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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AND COMMITTA, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 15, 2023, as "International Childhood  
2 Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "International Childhood Cancer Day" increases  
4 awareness of children fighting pediatric cancer across the  
5 globe; and

6 WHEREAS, "International Childhood Cancer Day" honors those  
7 children who lost their battle with cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, Cancer is one of the leading causes of death among  
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the "International Childhood Cancer  
11 Day" organization, a child battling pediatric cancer dies every  
12 three minutes; and

13 WHEREAS, The rate of children diagnosed with cancer has  
14 increased since the 1970s; and

15 WHEREAS, The most recent data provided by the International  
16 Agency for Research on Cancer estimated that in 2020  
17 approximately 280,000 children and adolescents were diagnosed

1 with cancer; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2020, the International Agency for Research on  
3 Cancer reported approximately 110,000 pediatric cancer  
4 fatalities; and

5 WHEREAS, The number of pediatric cancer cases is likely  
6 higher than what is currently reported due to the lack of  
7 registries in countries across the globe; and

8 WHEREAS, Children from impoverished countries lack access to  
9 medicines and treatment that could save their lives; and

10 WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate among children diagnosed  
11 with cancer is approximately 85%; and

12 WHEREAS, The survival rate depends heavily on the type of  
13 cancer and other factors; and

14 WHEREAS, Due to children's bodies still growing and cancer  
15 treatments largely geared toward use on adults, children are  
16 more likely to experience long-term side effects from treatment;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Possible late effects of cancer treatments include  
19 heart or lung problems, slowed or delayed development, changes  
20 in sexual development and the ability to have children, learning  
21 disabilities and increased risk of secondary forms of cancer;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, According to the American Childhood Cancer  
24 Organization, pediatric cancer patients enter clinical trials  
25 more often than adult patients; and

26 WHEREAS, Despite advancing treatments and decreasing  
27 mortality rates, cancer remains the number one disease  
28 associated with childhood deaths; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize February 15, 2023, as  
30 "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate its progress and the  
3 progress of all related organizations in aiding children  
4 battling childhood cancer while simultaneously renewing its  
5 commitment to the cause; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage young Pennsylvanians who  
7 are fighting cancer, honor young people who have lost their  
8 lives to childhood cancer, express gratitude to the doctors,  
9 nurses and parents who provide special care to patients and  
10 families affected by childhood cancer and encourage all  
11 residents in this Commonwealth to join the fight against  
12 childhood cancer.