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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, COSTA, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, SCHWANK,  
AUMENT, WHITE, KITCHEN, RESCHENTHALER, GREENLEAF,  
TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, BAKER, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, BREWSTER,  
RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, FARNESE AND MENSCH,  
MAY 18, 2016

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 18, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2016 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer  
2 Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Most people do not realize that the skin is the  
4 largest and most visible organ of the body and performs many  
5 essential tasks, such as regulating body temperature, protecting  
6 internal organs, providing sensation and supporting metabolic  
7 functions; and

8 WHEREAS, Current estimates are that one in five Americans  
9 will develop skin cancer in his or her lifetime; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 2 million cases of nonmelanoma skin cancer  
11 are diagnosed in the United States each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer  
13 and is the leading cause of death from skin disease; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2016, the American Cancer Society estimates that  
15 83,510 new cases of melanoma will be diagnosed and that 13,650  
16 deaths will occur from melanoma; and

1       WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young  
2 adults between 25 and 29 years of age and the second most common  
3 form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between 15 and  
4 29 years of age; and

5       WHEREAS, Melanoma and other skin cancers are highly treatable  
6 if detected early; and

7       WHEREAS, Exposure to ultraviolet radiation is the most  
8 preventable risk factor for all skin cancers, including  
9 melanoma; and

10       WHEREAS, The designation of "Melanoma and Skin Cancer  
11 Detection and Prevention Month" is part of a national public  
12 education campaign that promotes the prevention and early  
13 detection of melanoma and other skin cancers; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2016 as  
15 "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in  
16 Pennsylvania.