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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2014 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, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the  
9 United States; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The average five-year survival rate for individuals  
15 whose melanoma is detected and treated before it spreads to the  
16 lymph nodes is 98%, and the survival rate falls to 15% for those  
17 with advanced disease; and

1       WHEREAS, In 2014, the American Cancer Society estimated that  
2 76,100 new cases of melanoma would be diagnosed and that 9,710  
3 deaths would occur from melanoma; and

4       WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young  
5 adults between 25 and 29 years of age and the second most common  
6 form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between 15 and  
7 29 years of age; and

8       WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute reports that  
9 approximately \$2.4 billion is spent in the United States each  
10 year on melanoma treatment; and

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

15       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2014 as  
16 "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in  
17 Pennsylvania.