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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of July 2016 as "Uterine Fibroid Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Senate seeks to foster the health and well-being
4 of residents of this Commonwealth by engaging in a conscientious
5 commitment to advancing women's health; and

6 WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids, clinically known as uterine
7 leiomyoma, are the most common benign tumors of the uterus; and

8 WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids affect up to 80% of women under 50
9 years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, Nationwide, 10 to 21 million women suffer from
11 uterine fibroids; and

12 WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids are three to five times more common
13 among African-American women than among women from other ethnic
14 groups; and

15 WHEREAS, Symptoms of uterine fibroids often include
16 abdominal, lower back and pelvic pain, heavy bleeding, pain
17 during intercourse, enlargement of the lower abdomen, frequent

1 urination, anemia, prolonged menstrual cycles, complications
2 during pregnancy, infertility and miscarriage; and

3 WHEREAS, Uterine fibroids are the leading cause of
4 hysterectomy in the United States and therefore the leading
5 cause of lost reproductive potential; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the National Uterine Fibroid
7 Foundation, 600,000 hysterectomies are performed annually in the
8 United States, with approximately 177,000 to 366,000 of these
9 procedures arising from uterine fibroids; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 660 women die each year due to
11 complications from hysterectomies; and

12 WHEREAS, The establishment of health seminars, funding
13 opportunities, medical information panels and programs for all
14 community populations would serve to empower and inform all
15 groups about this health crisis and would potentially yield
16 faster diagnoses, more research, better treatment options and an
17 eventual cure for uterine fibroids; and

18 WHEREAS, The Senate urges increased awareness and education
19 relating to uterine fibroids as well as increased funding for
20 research and treatment of the condition; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of July 2016 as
22 "Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.