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SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2015 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 16, 2015, as
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania to promote
4 awareness of breast cancer issues and encourage women and men
5 to take action to protect themselves against breast cancer.

6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society helped found "National
7 Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" has evolved
9 into a collaboration of national public service organizations,
10 professional medical associations and government agencies
11 working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share
12 information on the disease and provide greater access to
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its inception 30 years ago, the "National

1 Breast Cancer Awareness Month" effort has stood at the forefront
2 of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues, yet much remains
3 to be done to educate both women and men about breast health in
4 order for them to become empowered to take charge of their
5 health through practicing regular breast self-exams to identify
6 changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and mammograms as
7 recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the
8 facts about recurrence; and

9 WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves
10 helping people understand the importance of screening and
11 detecting cancer in the early stages so that early treatment can
12 occur, which will increase survival rates and healing and
13 decrease suffering; and

14 WHEREAS, A mammogram serves as a screening test for breast
15 cancer that can detect such cancer early; and

16 WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of
17 age and older through mammograms helps ensure early detection of
18 breast cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, "National Mammography Day" has existed since 1993
20 when President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of
21 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,
22 particularly those in high risk groups, to make a mammography
23 appointment during the month of October during "National Breast
24 Cancer Awareness Month"; and

25 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important
26 issue because the American Cancer Society estimates that in the
27 United States during 2015 approximately 231,840 new cases of
28 invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and about
29 40,290 women will die from breast cancer, while about 2,350 new
30 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men, and

1 about 440 men will die from breast cancer; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3 month of October 2015 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness
4 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
6 16, 2015, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all women
9 and men in this Commonwealth to have discussions with their
10 doctors about breast cancer, particularly about the value of
11 getting screened for breast cancer, especially if possible signs
12 of breast cancer through personal examination or otherwise are
13 detected; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage women
15 in this Commonwealth 40 years of age and older to undergo annual
16 mammograms and urge women between 50 and 74 years of age to
17 recognize the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents to
20 take action during the month of October and at times throughout
21 the year to help people remain informed about the incidence of
22 breast cancer in this Commonwealth and elsewhere and how
23 residents of this Commonwealth can protect themselves from the
24 disease and take proper action if breast cancer develops.