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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2023 as "Pancreatic Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The pancreas is a thin, pear-shaped gland behind the  
4 stomach that plays an important role in the digestive system by  
5 producing fluids to help break down food and hormones to control  
6 blood sugar levels; and

7 WHEREAS, There are typically no symptoms during the early  
8 stages of pancreatic cancer and it spreads quickly throughout  
9 the body, making it difficult to detect and harder to treat in  
10 later stages; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms that could indicate pancreatic cancer  
12 include upper abdominal pain, weight loss, jaundice, severe  
13 itching, digestive problems, nausea and vomiting; and

14 WHEREAS, The exact cause of pancreatic cancer is yet to be  
15 determined; and

16 WHEREAS, Risk factors, including genetics, age, smoking,

1 obesity and long-standing diabetes, may contribute to the  
2 development of pancreatic cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of  
4 cancer-related deaths in men and women in the United States each  
5 year; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2023, more than 50,000 deaths and an estimated  
7 64,050 new cases of pancreatic cancer are expected to occur in  
8 the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Pancreatic Cancer Action  
10 Network and the National Pancreas Foundation are committed to  
11 helping and empowering patients suffering from pancreatic  
12 cancer, focusing efforts on public policy, research funding,  
13 patient services and public awareness, and developing effective  
14 treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is celebrated  
16 each November to highlight awareness efforts and strengthen the  
17 voices speaking out about pancreatic cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of  
19 this Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased  
20 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research regarding early  
21 detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
23 month of November 2023 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in  
24 Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly support  
26 educational activities and programs designed to strengthen  
27 awareness and support those living with pancreatic cancer.