
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2013

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APRIL 29, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2013 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 their 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

1 WHEREAS, When detected early, the survival rate for patients
2 with melanoma is about 91%, and the survival rate falls to 15%
3 for those with advanced disease; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2013, the American Cancer Society estimated that
5 76,250 new cases of melanoma would be diagnosed and that 9,180
6 deaths would occur from melanoma; and

7 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young
8 adults between 25 and 29 years of age and the second most common
9 form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between 15 and
10 29 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute reports that
12 approximately \$1.9 billion is spent in the United States each
13 year on melanoma treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, The Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
15 Prevention Month is a public education service designated to
16 promote the prevention and early detection of melanoma and other
17 skin cancers; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 month of May 2013 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
20 Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.