
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2015 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, According to current estimates, one in five
9 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 2 million cases of nonmelanoma skin cancer
11 are diagnosed in the United States each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Recent estimates show there will be 123,590 new
13 cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, diagnosed
14 in the United States each year; and

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

5 WHEREAS, The estimated total direct cost associated with the
6 treatment of melanoma in 2010 was \$2.36 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, Melanoma and other skin cancers are highly treatable
8 if detected early; and

9 WHEREAS, Sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for
10 all skin cancers, including melanoma; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 month of May 2015 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and
13 Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.