
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HARRIS, MULLINS, BIZZARRO, GREEN, MUNROE, SMITH-
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T. DAVIS, SANCHEZ, CURRY, GUENST, DONAHUE, GIRAL, PARKER,
OTTEN, MERSKI AND D. WILLIAMS, APRIL 30, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, APRIL 30, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 7, 2024, as "Cancer Action Day" in Pennsylvania
2 to identify the burden of cancer and urge the advancement of
3 legislation in support of cancer prevention, detection and
4 treatment throughout this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, The risk of dying from cancer has steadily declined
6 over the last 30 years largely because of smoking cessation,
7 early cancer detection and advances in the treatment of cancer
8 and precision medicine; and

9 WHEREAS, Advances have not benefited everyone equally as
10 evidenced by the American Cancer Society which estimates that in
11 2024 there will be 2 million new cases of cancer in the United
12 States which is the highest incidence the United States has ever
13 seen; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 600,000 people will lose their lives to
15 cancer in 2024; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cancer incidence and mortality rates
17 continue to be higher than the national rates, with a predicted
18 90,000 Pennsylvanians to face a new cancer diagnosis in 2024 and

1 an estimated 27,570 Commonwealth residents to lose their fight
2 against cancer this year; and

3 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the five most common new cases
4 of cancer estimated in 2024 include breast cancer at 13,370
5 cases, prostate cancer at 13,010 cases, lung and bronchus cancer
6 at 11,200 cases, colorectal cancer at 6,550 cases and urinary
7 bladder cancer at 4,290 cases; and

8 WHEREAS, Many of these cancers are often preventable and
9 early detection and treatment are critical as cancer does not
10 always cause symptoms and many cancers occur in people with no
11 family history; and

12 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians do not have equitable access to
13 advances in precision medicine and cancer prevention and
14 detection, which results in a disproportionate cancer burden for
15 rural, Black, Latinx, LGBTQ+ and economically insecure
16 Pennsylvanians; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
18 volunteers will gather at the Pennsylvania Capitol on May 7,
19 2024, for "Cancer Action Day," in coalition with allied partners
20 to advance legislative priorities that increase Pennsylvanians'
21 access to quality health care and cancer prevention services;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 7,
24 2024, as "Cancer Action Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all
26 Pennsylvanians impacted by cancer and those who devote their
27 lives to fighting this disease; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That, in 2024, the House of Representatives
29 identify and advance policies to increase rates of cancer
30 screening and early detection and improve treatment options for

1 the residents of this Commonwealth.