
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CAUSER, NEILSON, SANCHEZ, MADDEN AND MERSKI, AUGUST 15, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AUGUST 15, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2024 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,
17 obesity and long-standing diabetes, may contribute to the

1 development of pancreatic cancer; and

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

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

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of November 2024 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in
20 Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly support
22 educational activities and programs designed to strengthen
23 awareness and support those living with pancreatic cancer.