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CULVER, AUMENT AND J. WARD, OCTOBER 13, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 13, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2023 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 20, 2023, as
3 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" was founded
5 in 1985 and has since evolved into a collaboration of national
6 public service organizations, professional medical associations
7 and government agencies working together to promote breast
8 cancer awareness, share information on the disease and provide
9 greater access to services; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the
11 "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" effort has stood at the
12 forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues; and

13 WHEREAS, Much remains to be done to educate individuals about
14 breast health in order to empower them to take charge of their
15 health through practicing regular breast self-exams to identify
16 changes, scheduling regular doctor visits and mammograms as
17 recommended, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the

1 facts about recurrence; and

2 WHEREAS, An important part of raising awareness involves
3 helping people to understand the importance of screening and
4 detecting cancer in its early stages so that treatment can
5 occur, increasing survival rates and healing and decreasing
6 suffering; and

7 WHEREAS, A mammogram serves as a screening test that can
8 detect breast cancer early; and

9 WHEREAS, Screening for breast cancer for women 40 years of
10 age or older through mammograms helps to ensure early detection
11 of breast cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, "National Mammography Day" has existed since 1993,
13 marking its 30th anniversary this year, when President Bill
14 Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of October as
15 "National Mammography Day" to encourage women, particularly
16 those in high-risk groups, to make a mammography appointment
17 during the month of October; and

18 WHEREAS, The PA Breast Cancer Coalition, founded in 1993, is
19 also celebrating its 30th anniversary and continues to benefit
20 the Commonwealth by funding research, providing mammograms,
21 assisting lawmakers and informing the public about breast
22 cancer; and

23 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important
24 issue as the five-year survival rate of breast cancer detected
25 in the localized stage is 99% while only 64% of breast cancer
26 cases are detected in this stage; and

27 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2023,
28 an estimated 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
29 diagnosed among women and approximately 2,800 cases will be
30 diagnosed in men; and

1 WHEREAS, The PA Breast Cancer Coalition estimates over 13,000
2 women in Pennsylvania are diagnosed with breast cancer each
3 year; and

4 WHEREAS, The overall breast cancer death rate increased by
5 0.4% per year from 1975 to 1989, but since has decreased
6 rapidly, for a total decline of 43% through 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, As a result, at least 384,000 breast cancer deaths
8 in women in the United States were averted through the use of
9 mammography and improved treatment from 1989 to 2018; and

10 WHEREAS, The decline in breast cancer mortality has slowed
11 slightly in the most recent time period, from an annual decrease
12 of 1.9% during 2002 to 2011 to 1.3% during 2011 to 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, The death rate for male breast cancer has decreased
14 slightly from 0.4 deaths per 100,000 men during 1975 to 1979 to
15 0.3 per 100,000 men during 2013 to 2017, reflecting improvements
16 in treatment; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2023
18 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 20, 2023, as
21 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all individuals in this
23 Commonwealth to have discussions with their doctors about breast
24 cancer, particularly about the value of getting screened for
25 breast cancer, especially if possible signs of breast cancer are
26 detected; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage women in this
28 Commonwealth 40 years of age or older to undergo annual
29 mammograms and urge women 55 years of age or older to recognize
30 the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents to take action
3 during the month of October and throughout the year to help
4 people remain informed about the incidence of breast cancer and
5 how residents of this Commonwealth can protect themselves from
6 the disease and take proper action if breast cancer develops.