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SENATE RESOLUTION

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COSTA, PITTMAN, GORDNER AND STEFANO, OCTOBER 18, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2021 as "National Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 15, 2021, 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 when President Bill Clinton first proclaimed the third Friday of
14 October as "National Mammography Day" to encourage women,
15 particularly those in high-risk groups, to make a mammography
16 appointment during the month of October; and

17 WHEREAS, Raising breast cancer awareness remains an important
18 issue; and

19 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2021,
20 an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
21 diagnosed among women and approximately 2,650 cases will be
22 diagnosed in men; and

23 WHEREAS, The overall breast cancer death rate increased by
24 0.4% per year from 1975 to 1989, but since has decreased
25 rapidly, for a total decline of 40% through 2017; and

26 WHEREAS, As a result, 375,900 breast cancer deaths were
27 averted in women in the United States from 1989 to 2017; and

28 WHEREAS, The decline in breast cancer mortality has slowed
29 slightly in the most recent time period, from an annual decrease
30 of 1.9% during 1988 to 2011 to 1.3% during 2011 to 2017; and

1 WHEREAS, The death rate for male breast cancer has decreased
2 slightly from 0.4 deaths per 100,000 men during 1975 to 1979 to
3 0.3 per 100,000 men during 2013 to 2017, reflecting improvements
4 in treatment; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2021
6 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 15, 2021, as
9 "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all individuals in this
11 Commonwealth to have discussions with their doctors about breast
12 cancer, particularly about the value of getting screened for
13 breast cancer, especially if possible signs of breast cancer are
14 detected; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage women in this
16 Commonwealth 40 years of age or older to undergo annual
17 mammograms and urge women 55 years of age or older to recognize
18 the benefit of undergoing mammograms every two years; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents to take action
21 during the month of October and throughout the year to help
22 people remain informed about the incidence of breast cancer and
23 how residents of this Commonwealth can protect themselves from
24 the disease and take proper action if breast cancer develops.