
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Prostate Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and acknowledging the
3 importance of raising public awareness of the threat and
4 causes of prostate cancer.

5 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is a disease in which normal cells
6 in the prostate gland begin to change and grow uncontrollably,
7 forming a mass called a tumor; and

8 WHEREAS, Some prostate cancers grow very slowly and may not
9 cause problems for years; and

10 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer
11 diagnosed in men in the United States and is the most common
12 cancer among men in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, Data published by the Department of Health shows
14 that prostate cancer accounted for the largest percentage of all
15 cancer cases diagnosed in men in this Commonwealth and the third
16 most common cause of cancer-related death among the State's male
17 residents; and

18 WHEREAS, One in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate

1 cancer in his lifetime; and

2 WHEREAS, A new case occurs every 2.4 minutes and a man dies
3 from prostate cancer every 19.1 minutes; and

4 WHEREAS, The chance of developing prostate cancer increases
5 rapidly after 50 years of age, and approximately 6 in 10 cases
6 are found in men over 65 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, Men whose fathers or brothers have prostate cancer
8 are twice as likely to develop the disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Black men are 73% more likely than white men to be
10 diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than twice as likely to
11 die from it; and

12 WHEREAS, Symptoms of prostate cancer may include difficult,
13 frequent or painful urination, blood in the urine or semen and
14 pain in the back, hips or pelvis that does not go away; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately one-half of men do not realize that
16 they are at risk of developing prostate cancer; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
18 2017 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
19 acknowledge the importance of raising public awareness of the
20 threat and causes of prostate cancer.