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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 8, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2022 as "Triple-Negative Breast
2 Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is among the most commonly diagnosed
4 cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death among women
5 in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 13,000 Pennsylvania women will be diagnosed
7 with breast cancer and approximately 2,000 will die from it this
8 year; and

9 WHEREAS, Triple-negative breast cancer is one of many forms
10 of breast cancer and accounts for about 15-30% of all diagnosed
11 invasive breast cancer cases in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 53,700 new breast cancer cases in 2019 in
13 the United States were triple-negative breast cancer with higher
14 prevalence among younger women, Black and Hispanic women, women
15 with BRCA1 mutations and type 2 diabetes or carrying excess
16 weight in the abdomen area; and

17 WHEREAS, Due to its aggressive behavior, triple-negative

1 breast cancer grows quickly and is more likely to have spread at
2 the time it is found and more likely to come back after
3 treatment than other types of breast cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, people
5 diagnosed with metastatic triple-negative breast cancer have a
6 77% chance of surviving past five years; and

7 WHEREAS, Patients with an early diagnosis can often be
8 treated with chemotherapy, radiation and surgery; and

9 WHEREAS, The limited therapies available specifically
10 addressing the management of triple-negative breast cancer has
11 made treating this disease a challenge for clinicians; and

12 WHEREAS, Recent innovation in targeted therapies have fueled
13 advances in the fight against triple-negative breast cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, It is necessary to promote triple-negative breast
15 cancer education and raise awareness about the disease-related
16 disparities; and

17 WHEREAS, Tackling inequities within the health care delivery
18 system, such as inadequate access to screening, diagnostic
19 testing and care, will improve early detection and survival in
20 triple-negative breast cancer patients; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2022
22 as "Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in
23 Pennsylvania.