
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 323 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, ROBINSON, BROWN, CULVER, FONTANA,
HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KANE, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN AND VOGEL,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2024 as "Prostate Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Data published by the Department of Health show that
12 prostate cancer accounted for the largest percentage of all
13 cancer cases diagnosed in men in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
15 report that after lung cancer, prostate cancer is the second
16 leading cause of cancer death in American men; and

17 WHEREAS, One in eight men will be diagnosed with prostate

1 cancer in his lifetime; and

2 WHEREAS, A new case of prostate cancer occurs every two
3 minutes, 1 in 44 men die from prostate cancer and a man dies
4 from prostate cancer every 15 minutes; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, African-American men are 60% more likely than
11 Caucasian men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and twice as
12 likely to die from it; and

13 WHEREAS, Veterans are one and a half times more likely to get
14 prostate cancer; and

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

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

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
21 2024 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledge the importance of
24 raising public awareness of the threat and causes of prostate
25 cancer.