
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SCHLEGEL CULVER, OCTOBER 17, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 17, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2016 as "Pancreatic Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The pancreas is a thin, pear-shaped gland behind the
4 stomach that plays an important role in the digestive system by
5 producing fluids to help break down food and hormones to control
6 blood sugar levels; and

7 WHEREAS, There are typically no symptoms during the early
8 stages of pancreatic cancer, and it spreads quickly throughout
9 the body making it difficult to detect and harder to treat in
10 later stages; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms that could indicate pancreatic cancer
12 include upper abdominal pain, weight loss, jaundice, severe
13 itching, digestive problems and nausea and vomiting; and

1 WHEREAS, The exact cause of pancreatic cancer is yet to be
2 determined, however, risk factors, including genetics, age,
3 smoking, obesity and long-standing diabetes, may contribute to
4 the development of pancreatic cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of
6 cancer-related deaths in both men and women in the United States
7 each year; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2016, an estimated 41,780 deaths and 53,070 new
9 cases of pancreatic cancer are expected to occur in the United
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Pancreatic Cancer Action
12 Network and the National Pancreas Foundation are committed to
13 helping and empowering patients suffering from pancreatic
14 cancer, focusing efforts on public policy, research funding,
15 patient services and public awareness and developing effective
16 treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" is celebrated
18 each November to highlight awareness efforts and strengthen the
19 voices speaking out about pancreatic cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of
21 this Commonwealth are enhanced as a direct result of increased
22 awareness about pancreatic cancer and research in early
23 detection, causes and effective treatments; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of November 2016 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in
26 Pennsylvania and strongly support educational activities and
27 programs designed to strengthen awareness and support those
28 living with pancreatic cancer.