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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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PHILLIPS-HILL, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2020 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 reports that after lung cancer prostate cancer is the second  
16 leading cause of cancer death in American men; and

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

1 cancer in his lifetime; and

2 WHEREAS, A new case of prostate cancer occurs every 3.3  
3 minutes and a man dies from prostate cancer every 20 minutes;  
4 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, Symptoms of prostate cancer may include difficult,  
14 frequent or painful urination, blood in the urine or semen and  
15 pain in the back, hips or pelvis that does not go away; and

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

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
19 2020 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and  
20 acknowledge the importance of raising public awareness of the  
21 threat and causes of prostate cancer.