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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CULVER, BROOKS, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL,  
SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, K. WARD, HUGHES, FARRY, KANE, BROWN,  
HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER, LAUGHLIN, HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI,  
ROBINSON, VOGEL, COSTA, J. WARD AND SCHWANK, APRIL 22, 2024

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 22, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 7, 2024, as "Cancer Action Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The risk of dying from cancer has steadily declined  
3 over the last 30 years largely because of smoking cessation,  
4 early cancer detection and advances in the treatment of cancer  
5 and precision medicine; and

6 WHEREAS, Advances have not benefited everyone equally as  
7 evidenced by the American Cancer Society which estimates that in  
8 2024 there will be 2 million new cases of cancer in the United  
9 States which is the highest incidence the United States has ever  
10 seen; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 600,000 people will lose their lives to  
12 cancer in 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cancer incidence and mortality rates  
14 continue to be higher than the national rates, with a predicted  
15 90,000 Pennsylvanians to face a new cancer diagnosis in 2024 and  
16 an estimated 27,570 Commonwealth residents to lose their fight

1 against cancer this year; and

2 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the five most common new cases  
3 of cancer estimated in 2024 include breast cancer at 13,370  
4 cases, prostate cancer at 13,010 cases, lung/bronchus cancer at  
5 11,200 cases, colorectal cancer at 6,550 cases and urinary  
6 bladder cancer at 4,290 cases; and

7 WHEREAS, Many of these cancers are often preventable, and  
8 early detection and treatment are critical as cancer does not  
9 always cause symptoms and many cancers occur in people with no  
10 family history; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
12 volunteers will gather at the Pennsylvania Capitol on May 7,  
13 2024, for "Cancer Action Day," in coalition with allied partners  
14 to advance legislative priorities that increase Pennsylvanians'  
15 access to quality health care and cancer prevention services;  
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 7, 2024, as "Cancer  
18 Action Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor all Pennsylvanians impacted  
20 by cancer and those who devote their lives to fighting this  
21 disease.