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Sen. McBride on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2017 AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, lung cancer occurs when cells grow at an accelerated rate and do not die, as normal cells would do;  
2 instead, they continue to grow and form a group of abnormal cells called a tumor; and

3 WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in both men and women; and

4 WHEREAS, lung cancer is often caused by smoking, but chances of developing this type of cancer increase with  
5 family history or with exposure to secondhand smoke, asbestos, radon gas, or high air pollution; and

6 WHEREAS, lung cancer kills 433 people every day, with someone dying from lung cancer every 3.3 minutes in  
7 the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, it is estimated 158,080 people died of lung cancer in the United States in 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, lung cancer kills almost twice as many women as breast cancer and more than three times as many  
10 men as prostate cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, each year, more people die from lung cancer than colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined; and  
12 WHEREAS, lung cancer has the lowest 5-year survival rate of common cancers (breast, prostate, and colorectal) at 17%;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, today's smokers smoke fewer cigarettes than those 50 years ago, however, they are at higher risk of  
15 developing lung cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, the fight against lung cancer occurs on multiple levels, including education, outreach, and policy  
17 efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, increased coordination among all stakeholders, including federal and state governments, providers,  
19 patient groups, community leaders and organizations, the public, business, and researchers, is critical to promote the  
20 prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung cancer.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
23 Senate concurring therein, that we hereby proclaim November 2017 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the State of  
24 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes the month of November, 2017, as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in Delaware.