



SPONSOR: Sen. Delcollo on behalf of all Senators &
Rep. Michael Smith on behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 12, 2019 AS "WORLD CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA DAY" IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, cholangiocarcinoma, also known as bile duct cancer, is a cancer that occurs in the bile ducts in or
2 outside the liver that play a key role in the digestive cycle; and

3 WHEREAS, there are three types of cholangiocarcinoma based on the location they occur: intraheptic, located in
4 the smaller bile duct branches in the liver, perihilar, located where the left and right hepatic ducts have joined and are
5 leaving the liver, and distal, which is located near the small intestine; and

6 WHEREAS, nearly 2,000 to 3,000 Americans develop cholangiocarcinoma every year; and

7 WHEREAS, the average age of those with cholangiocarcinoma is 72, however approximately 1/3 of those
8 diagnosed are under 65, with the youngest known patient being 12; and

9 WHEREAS, early detection can be key in treating cholangiocarcinoma, but only a small number of cases are
10 found early enough to be removed by surgery; and

11 WHEREAS, because it is difficult to detect and diagnose cholangiocarcinoma due to the bile ducts being deep in
12 the body and there not being a reliable blood test, when diagnosed, patients usually present with more developed tumors;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for cholangiocarcinoma; and

15 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for this type of cancer is 2 to 30%; and

16 WHEREAS, increased awareness and research of this cancer could lead to earlier detection and better treatments
17 in the future; and

18 WHEREAS, different foundations, research centers, and charities throughout the world have come together to
19 raise awareness of cholangiocarcinoma with World Cholangiocarcinoma Day; and

20 WHEREAS, Kelly green signifies cholangiocarcinoma awareness; and

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House concurring
23 therein, that February 12, 2019 is recognized as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day.

SYNOPSIS

Cholangiocarcinoma, also known as bile duct cancer, is a cancer that occurs in the bile ducts in or outside the liver. This Resolution recognizes February 12, 2019 as "World Cholangiocarcinoma Day" in Delaware.

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