



SPONSOR: Sen. Delcollo & Rep. Michael Smith

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 12, 2020 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: intrahepatic, 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, 2020 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, 2020 as "World Cholangiocarcinoma Day" in Delaware.

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