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1 Senate Resolution No. ____
2 A resolution recognizing Breast Cancer
3 Awareness Month.
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5 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer
6 diagnosed in women in the nation, and
7 WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation for total
8 number of new cases and deaths from breast cancer, and
9 WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer and
10 the single most important risk factor is age, and
11 WHEREAS, the highest number of breast cancer cases in
12 Florida is mainly due to the concentration of older women in
13 the state, and
14 WHEREAS, 64 percent of all breast cancers occur in
15 women age 60 and older, and
16 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that
17 there will be 12,500 new cases of invasive breast cancer in
18 Florida in the year 2001, and
19 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society reported that 11,
20 844 women in Florida were diagnosed with breast cancer in
21 1999, and
22 WHEREAS, every 3 hours, one woman in Florida dies of
23 breast cancer, and a total of 2,600 will die from breast
24 cancer in the year 2001, and
25 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cause
26 of cancer death in white women but the leading cause of cancer
27 death among African-American women, and
28 WHEREAS, early detection through routine clinical and
29 mammography screening beginning at age 40 in compliance with
30 the American Cancer Society recommended breast cancer
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1 screening guidelines is the key to improving survival rates
2 for breast cancer, and

3 WHEREAS, almost 1 million women over the age of 40
4 living in Florida have never had a mammogram, and

5 WHEREAS, breast-cancer awareness programs, such as the
6 American Cancer Society's Tell-A-Friend-Tuesday program, will
7 promote early detection through regular screening in
8 conjunction with the promotion of October as Breast Cancer
9 Awareness Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

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11 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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13 That the Florida Senate recognizes the month of October
14 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and urges all
15 women to understand the risks associated with breast cancer,
16 to take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to
17 undergo early detection procedures, such as mammography and
18 compliance with the recommended breast cancer screening
19 guidelines.

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