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1                                 Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2                 A resolution recognizing October 2005 as

3                 "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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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 breast cancer cases and deaths from breast

9 cancer, and

10                 WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer and

11 the single most important risk factor is age, such that breast

12 cancers predominantly occur in women age 50 and older, and the

13 risk increases with age until age 80, and

14                 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that

15 more than 13,430 new cases of invasive breast cancer in

16 Florida will be diagnosed, and approximately 2,570 women will

17 die of the disease during the year 2005, and

18                 WHEREAS, a woman living in Florida has a one in seven

19 chance of developing breast cancer, and

20                 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cause

21 of cancer death in white women and the number one cause of

22 cancer death among African-American women, and

23                 WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical

24 examinations and mammography screening beginning at age 40 in

25 compliance with the American Cancer Society's recommended

26 guidelines, is the key to detecting breast cancer at the

27 earliest stages, and

28                 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer, if

29 the disease is found in its earliest stages, is 98 percent,

30 but drops to 26 percent if the cancer is detected late, in a

31 stage of metastases, and

1           WHEREAS, in conjunction with the promotion of October  
2 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, breast cancer awareness  
3 programs, such as the American Cancer Society's Reach to  
4 Recovery Program, promotes early breast cancer detection  
5 through regular screening, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9           That the month of October 2005 is recognized as "Breast  
10 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and all women are urged to  
11 understand the risks associated with breast cancer, to take  
12 preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo early  
13 detection procedures, such as mammography, in compliance with  
14 the American Cancer Society's recommended guidelines for  
15 breast cancer screening.

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