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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer  
diagnosed in women in the nation, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation for total  
number of new breast cancer cases and deaths from breast  
cancer, and

WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer and  
the single most important risk factor is age, such that breast  
cancers predominantly occur in women age 50 and older, and the  
risk increases with age until age 80, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that  
during 2006 more than 13,360 new cases of invasive breast  
cancer will be diagnosed in Florida, and approximately 2,570  
women will die of the disease, and

WHEREAS, a woman living in the United States has a one  
in eight chance of developing breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cause  
of cancer death in white women and among African American  
women, and

WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical  
examinations and mammography screening beginning at age 40, in  
compliance with the American Cancer Society's recommended  
guidelines, are the key to detecting breast cancer at its  
earliest stages, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer, if  
the disease is found in its earliest stages, is 98 percent,  
but drops down to 26 percent if the cancer is detected late,  
in a 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, will promote 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 2006 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  
13 early-detection procedures such as mammography in compliance  
14 with the American Cancer Society's recommended  
15 breast-cancer-screening guidelines.

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