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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 2007 as
"Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

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

WHEREAS, Florida ranks second in the nation for total
number of breast cancer deaths and fourth in total number of
new breast cancer cases, 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
11,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed
in Florida, and approximately 2,700 women will die of the
disease during the year 2007, and

WHEREAS, a woman living in Florida 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, African American, Asian American,
American Indian, and Hispanic women living in the United
States, 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,

1 but drops down to 26 percent if the cancer is detected late,
2 in a stage of metastases, and

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

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

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11 That the month of October 2007 is recognized as "Breast
12 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and all women are urged to
13 understand the risks associated with breast cancer, to take
14 preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo early
15 detection procedures, such as mammography, in compliance with
16 the American Cancer Society's recommended breast cancer
17 screening guidelines.

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