

By Senator Joyner

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 2009 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is second only to skin cancer as the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks second in the nation in the number of deaths related to breast cancer and fourth in the nation in the number of new breast cancer cases diagnosed each year, and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer among Hispanic woman and the second most common cause of cancer death in Caucasian, African American, Asian American, and Native American women living in the United States, and

WHEREAS, while all women are at risk for developing breast cancer, age is the most significant risk factor, with the majority of breast cancers occurring in women age 50 and older with that risk increasing until age 80, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates more than 11,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed in Florida in 2008, with more than 2,750 women dying as the result of the disease, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommended guidelines of routine clinical exams and mammography screening beginning at 40 years of age are key to early detection of breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer is 98 percent when diagnosed in its earliest stages as compared to a survival rate of 26.7 percent when detected in a later stage of metastases, and

WHEREAS, breast cancer awareness programs during Breast

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30 Cancer Awareness Month promote early breast cancer detection
31 through public education and the promotion of regular
32 screenings, NOW, THEREFORE,
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34 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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36 That the Florida Senate recognizes October 2009 as "Breast
37 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all women to
38 educate themselves on the risks associated with breast cancer,
39 take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and undergo early
40 detection screening procedures recommended by the American
41 Cancer Society.