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ADOPTED, OCTOBER 4, 1993

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming the month of October 1993 as "Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, One out of every nine women will develop breast
4 cancer by age 85; and

5 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women
6 in Pennsylvania accounting for more than 30% of all cancers in
7 women; and

8 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, breast cancer incidence rates for
9 women increased about 2% per year since the early 1970's; and

10 WHEREAS, From 1986 to 1990 in Pennsylvania alone, 12,824

1 women died from breast cancer; and

2 WHEREAS, Three hundred men die of breast cancer in this
3 nation each year; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1989, the cancer incidence rates were 6% higher
5 for African-Americans than for whites and the cancer mortality
6 rates were 26% higher for African-Americans that year; and

7 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is a complex disease, and efforts to
8 find the cause and cure have been elusive. There is no known
9 measure to prevent breast cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Clinical examination and yearly mammography
11 screening effectively reduce cancer mortality in women over 50.
12 The number of deaths due to breast cancer could be much lower if
13 more women had mammograms beginning at age 40 at one-year to
14 two-year intervals, had a yearly breast exam by a physician and
15 practiced monthly breast self-examination; and

16 WHEREAS, October 19, 1993, marks the first observance of
17 National Mammography Day.

18 WHEREAS, Risk factors for breast cancer include being older
19 than 50, having a personal or family history of breast cancer,
20 never giving birth and giving birth for the first time after 30
21 years of age; and

22 WHEREAS, Research is showing the important role nutrition
23 plays in preventing cancer and individuals should maintain a
24 suitable diet and exercise regimen to help maintain appropriate
25 weight and body fitness. There is mounting evidence that a high-
26 fat diet can increase the risk for breast cancer; therefore be
27 it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim October
29 1993 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to be
30 launched on October 4, 1993, with "Pink Ribbon Day" and urge all

1 citizens to promote the awareness of current known risk factors
2 for the disease and the measures to provide early detection of
3 breast cancer.