

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.173

Reps. Crawford, Allor, Bollin, Brixie, Calley, Cherry, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Garrett, Garza, Hall, Hertel, Hoadley, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Kahle, Koleszar, Kuppa, Lasinski, Rendon, Sabo, Shannon, Sowerby, Warren, Wittenberg, Witwer and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2019 as Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, October has long been recognized across America as
4 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to raise public
5 awareness about the importance of early detection; and

6 Whereas, In 2019, it is estimated that among U.S. women, there
7 will be 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 62,930 new
8 cases of in situ breast cancer along with over 40,000 breast cancer



1 deaths; and

2 Whereas, In 2019, there are more than 3.1 million women with a
3 history of breast cancer in the U.S. This includes women currently
4 being treated and women who have finished treatment; and

5 Whereas, According to the Michigan Department of Community
6 Health, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths
7 in Michigan women and the most commonly diagnosed cancer in
8 Michigan women; and

9 Whereas, One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast
10 cancer in their lifetime; and

11 Whereas, Everyone is at risk for breast cancer but the two
12 most important risk factors are being female and getting older; and

13 Whereas, The five year survival rate among women whose breast
14 cancer has not spread beyond the breast at the time of diagnosis is
15 close to 100 percent; and

16 Whereas, The use of mammography in the U.S. has been credited
17 with doubling the detection of early stage breast cancer and breast
18 cancer death rates have steadily declined since the 1990's; and

19 Whereas, Efforts to promote increased mammogram screening have
20 resulted in the third Friday in October being declared National
21 Mammography Day; and

22 Whereas, Even with impressive progress, many women do not
23 utilize mammograms or other recommended testing methods at regular
24 intervals before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. Breast
25 cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older
26 received recommended screenings at regular intervals; now,
27 therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
29 this legislative body declare October 2019 as Breast Cancer

1 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all Michiganders
2 to use this month as an opportunity to educate themselves about
3 breast cancer and take proactive steps to reduce their risks and
4 get appropriate screenings.