

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 173

Rep. Crawford 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
9 deaths; and

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



1 Whereas, According to the Michigan Department of Community
2 Health, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths
3 in Michigan women and the most commonly diagnosed cancer in
4 Michigan women; and

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

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

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

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

15 Whereas, Efforts to promote increased mammogram screening have
16 resulted in the third Friday in October being declared National
17 Mammography Day; and

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

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare October 2019 as Breast Cancer
26 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all Michiganders
27 to use this month as an opportunity to educate themselves about
28 breast cancer and take proactive steps to reduce their risks and
29 get appropriate screenings.