

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

Senator Brinks offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize October 2019 as Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month.

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 American women,
7 there will be 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer and
8 62,930 new cases of in situ breast cancer along with over 40,000
9 breast cancer deaths; and

10 Whereas, In 2019, there are more than 3.5 million women with a
11 history of breast cancer in the United States. This includes women
12 currently being treated and women who have finished treatment; and

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

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

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

8 Whereas, Since the inception of Breast Cancer Awareness Month
9 in 1985, mammography use across America has doubled and breast
10 cancer death rates have declined; and

11 Whereas, Efforts to promote increased mammogram screening have
12 resulted in the declaration of the third Friday in October being
13 known as National Mammography Day; and

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

20 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
21 body declare October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and be
22 it further

23 Resolved, That we urge all Michiganders to use this month as
24 an opportunity to educate themselves about breast cancer, take
25 proactive steps to reduce their risks, and get appropriate
26 screenings.