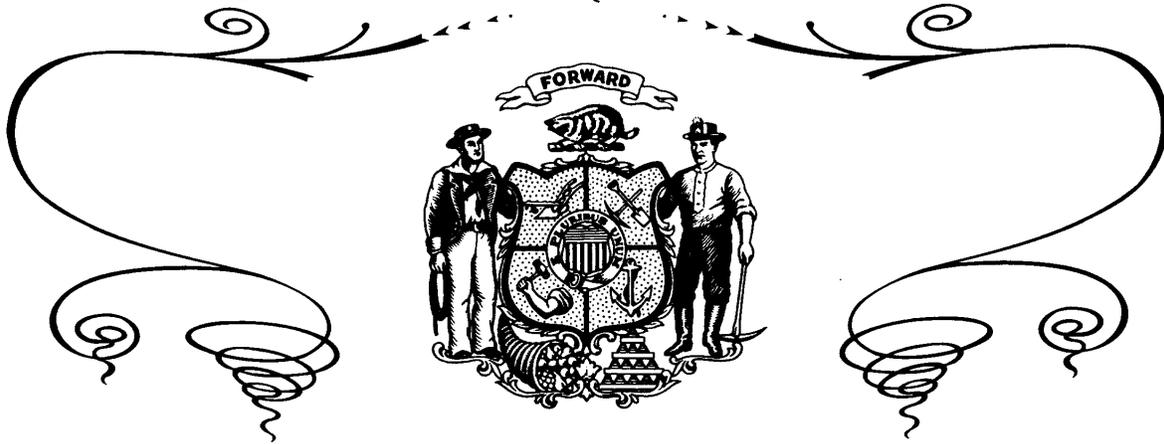


State of Wisconsin



2005 Senate Joint Resolution 45

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: proclaiming the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Whereas, the American Cancer Society reports that breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Wisconsin women; and

Whereas, breast cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death in Wisconsin women; and

Whereas, this year there will be 211,240 new cases of breast cancer and 40,410 deaths from breast cancer in the United States and 4,130 new cases of breast cancer and 790 deaths from breast cancer in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society recommends yearly mammograms for women beginning at age 40 and clinical breast exams every 3 years for women in their 20s and 30s; and

Whereas, the recent declines in breast cancer mortality have been attributed to the regular use of screening mammography and to improvements in treatment; and

Whereas, the 5-year survival rate for localized breast cancer (cancer that has not spread) is 98 percent, but the survival rate declines if the cancer has spread regionally or distantly; and

Whereas, currently 63 percent of breast cancers are diagnosed at a localized stage; and

Whereas, African-American, Hispanic/Latina, and American Indian/Alaska Native women are more likely to be diagnosed at regional and distant stages than Caucasian and Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders; and

Whereas, over one-third of Wisconsin women over age 40 have not had a recent mammogram; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest to promote public awareness of the benefits of early detection, prevention, and treatment of breast cancer; and

Whereas, it is appropriate for the state of Wisconsin to join with its citizens, their families, and loved ones throughout the state in recognizing the importance of this disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature proclaim the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to promote early detection, prevention, and treatment of breast cancer and to encourage women to be screened according to the American Cancer Society's guidelines.

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk