

State of Wisconsin



2011 Senate Joint Resolution 46

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 among Wisconsin women; and

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

Whereas, this year there will be 232,620 new cases of breast cancer, resulting in 39,970 deaths in the United States and 4,430 new cases of breast cancer, resulting in 690 deaths from the disease in Wisconsin; and

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

Whereas, the national five-year relative survival rate for women diagnosed with breast cancer at the local stage is 98 percent while the survival rate for advanced breast cancer is 27 percent; and

Whereas, the breast cancer death rate has steadily declined since 1990 and can be attributed to early detection by mammography and improvements in treatment; and

Whereas, most studies have shown that mammography decreases death from breast cancer by 20 to 30 percent; 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, organizations such as Susan G. Komen for the Cure have funded research grants and community-based outreach projects that focus on education, screening, and treatment; and

Whereas, Susan G. Komen for the Cure has raised and invested more than \$1.9 billion since its inception in 1982; and

Whereas, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure has become one of the world's largest and most successful education and fundraising events for breast cancer that celebrates survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle; and

Whereas, it is important for the state of Wisconsin to join with its citizens 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 throughout the state to promote early detection, prevention, and treatment of breast cancer and the shared commitment to finding a cure.

Representative Jeff Fitzgerald
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Michael G. Ellis
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk