

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Reps. Morse and Steckloff offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2021 as Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

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

6 Whereas, In 2021, it is estimated 8,700 Michigan women have
7 been diagnosed with breast cancer, with 281,550 newly diagnosed
8 across the nation. Tragically, about 1,420 Michiganders and 43,600
9 Americans succumbed to their breast cancer battle this year; and

10 Whereas, In the United States, 1 in 196 women under 40 years
11 of age is diagnosed with breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most
12 common cancer type amongst adolescent and young females, accounting

1 for 30% of diagnosed cancer cases in American women. Diagnosed
2 cases of invasive breast cancer in women 15-39 years old have
3 increased since 2004. Along with these increasing rates, women
4 under 40 are 39% more likely to die of breast cancer than older
5 women even if diagnosed in early stages; and

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

9 Whereas, Efforts to promote increased mammogram screening have
10 resulted in the third Friday in October being declared National
11 Mammography Day; and

12 Whereas, Even with impressive progress, many women do not
13 utilize mammograms or other recommended testing methods at regular
14 intervals before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. Breast
15 cancer deaths may continue to decline if women are able to receive
16 recommended screenings at regular intervals; and

17 Whereas, Breast cancer does not discriminate. Women from all
18 walks of life, of all ages and backgrounds are at risk of
19 developing breast cancer. Breast Cancer Awareness month sheds light
20 on preventative treatments and measures women can utilize to fight
21 off breast cancer before it occurs, or detect breast cancer in its
22 early stages. Access to preventive care and quality treatment saves
23 the lives of breast cancer patients; now, therefore, it be

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare October 2021 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 cancers and take proactive steps to reduce their risks and
29 get appropriate screenings.