

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.156

Reps. Steckloff, Morse, Neeley, McFall, Brabec, Aiyash, Whitsett, Hood, Dievendorf, Hill, Price, Byrnes, Hope, Brixie, Haadsma, Breen, Rogers and Coleman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 2023 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 2023, it is estimated 8,980 Michiganders have been
7 newly diagnosed with breast cancer, with 300,590 newly diagnosed
8 across the nation. Tragically, about 1,370 Michiganders and 43,700
9 Americans succumbed to their breast cancer battle this year; and

10 Whereas, In the United States, 1 in 196 women under 40 years

1 of age is diagnosed with breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most
2 common cancer type amongst adolescent and young females, accounting
3 for 30% of diagnosed cancer cases in American women. Diagnosed
4 cases of invasive breast cancer in women 15-39 years old have
5 increased since 2004. Along with these increasing rates, women
6 under forty are 39% more likely to die of breast cancer than older
7 women even if diagnosed in early stages; and

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

11 Whereas, Efforts to promote increased mammogram screening have
12 resulted in the third Friday in October being declared National
13 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 may continue to decline if women are able to receive
18 recommended screenings at regular intervals; and

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

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare October 2023 as Breast Cancer
28 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all Michiganders
29 to use this month as an opportunity to educate themselves about

- 1 breast cancers and take proactive steps to reduce their risks and
- 2 get appropriate screenings.