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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Minority Cancer Awareness Month is being observed in  
2 Texas in April to call attention to the disparities in cancer health  
3 among racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Black, Native American, and Alaskan Native  
5 communities experience the highest cancer rates and worst outcomes  
6 for each of the most common types of cancer; in addition, Black  
7 communities are disproportionately impacted by other diseases,  
8 such as obesity, diabetes, and infections, making cancer treatment  
9 more difficult and more likely to cause severe side effects; and

10 WHEREAS, Cancer health disparities are worsened by some  
11 socioeconomic conditions; people experiencing poverty are less  
12 likely to enroll in clinical trials that offer improved cancer  
13 outcomes, and people with low income or insufficient health  
14 insurance may lack access to medical specialists or genetic testing  
15 required by clinical trials; according to data from the U.S. Census  
16 Bureau, Native American and Alaska Native, Black, Hispanic, and  
17 multiracial communities experienced the highest ratios of poverty  
18 compared to total population in 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Many people in racial minority groups die from  
20 cancer due to a severe lack of matching stem cell or marrow donors  
21 in the worldwide registry; in the United States, 75 percent of Black  
22 patients, 75 percent of multiracial patients, 55 percent of Latino  
23 and Hispanic patients, and 60 percent of Asian American patients do  
24 not have a perfectly matched donor in the registry; and

1           WHEREAS, More work remains to be done to ensure that all  
2 cancer patients have access to life-saving treatments and quality  
3 health care, and the observance of Minority Cancer Awareness Month  
4 unites Texans in their commitment to improving cancer outcomes  
5 among racial and ethnic minority groups; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize April as Minority Cancer Awareness  
8 Month in Texas and encourage all Texans to learn more about how  
9 minority groups are impacted by cancer health disparities.