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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In honor of the 10th annual National Women's Health  
2 Week, which is being celebrated from May 10 through May 16, 2009,  
3 *Health Wise* is promoting the importance of living a healthy  
4 lifestyle for the residents of Dallas; and

5           WHEREAS, *Health Wise*, a publication produced by Earnestine  
6 Cole, is kicking off the occasion a week early on May 3 with "LOVE  
7 TEA 9: Women & Cancer Prevention," an educational event featuring a  
8 female oncologist as the keynote speaker; attendees will have the  
9 opportunity to participate in health screenings, exercise and  
10 cooking demonstrations, a candle lighting ceremony in memory of  
11 women who have lost their lives to cancer, and a balloon release in  
12 tribute to female cancer survivors; and

13           WHEREAS, The following week, on May 12, "*Health Wise: A Taste*  
14 of Life" will be presented in collaboration with the Irma Rangel  
15 Young Women's Leadership School in South Dallas; this outreach  
16 effort, which is focused on obesity prevention, will target nearly  
17 200 high school girls during their physical education and health  
18 classes; and

19           WHEREAS, The LOVE TEA 9 Planning Committee includes Sharon  
20 Cox, clinical dietitian at Parkland Hospital; Veronica Cole, Ph.D.  
21 candidate in urban and public administration at The University of  
22 Texas at Arlington; Kimberly Johnson, D.O., Internal Medicine at  
23 Methodist Hospital Affiliate; DeVonne Foutz, Texas Silver-Haired  
24 Legislator for Dallas County; Barbara Ladson, American Airlines;

1 and Eva Crumby, Insurance One; and

2 WHEREAS, The LOVE TEA 9 is further supported by the following  
3 honorary chairs: Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of District  
4 30, a breast cancer survivor; Texas State Senator Jane Nelson of  
5 District 12, who serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Health  
6 and Human Services; and State Representative Barbara Mallory  
7 Caraway of District 110, as well as the following honorary  
8 co-chairs, all of whom are breast cancer survivors from Dallas:  
9 Adelfa Callejo, attorney; the Reverend Dr. Janet Bell Odom, senior  
10 pastor of Camp Wisdom United Methodist Church; Patricia Richardson,  
11 First Lady of Zion Chapel Primitive Baptist Church; Nancy Smith,  
12 educator and Komen 3-Day Walk Ambassador; and Hattie Simmons,  
13 educator; and

14 WHEREAS, National Women's Health Week, which is coordinated  
15 at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Health and Human  
16 Services Office on Women's Health, brings communities, businesses,  
17 government, health organizations, and other groups together to  
18 empower women to make health their top priority; the initiative  
19 includes National Women's Checkup Day on May 11 and marks the  
20 beginning of an eight-week online physical activity program known  
21 as Woman Challenge; and

22 WHEREAS, Women and girls throughout Dallas and North Texas  
23 are invited to begin their journey toward improved health during  
24 National Women's Health Week and to embrace the potential of a  
25 higher quality of life; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
27 Legislature hereby recognize May 10 through 16, 2009, as National

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1 Women's Health Week in Dallas and encourage all area women to take  
2 the simple but important steps that will allow them to lead longer,  
3 healthier, and happier lives.