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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is one of the most common types of
2 cancer among American women, and each October, Breast Cancer
3 Awareness Month helps to highlight the vital importance of
4 educating the public about the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, One in eight American women will develop breast
6 cancer during their lifetime; the American Cancer Society estimates
7 that in 2021, more than 281,000 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed,
8 and over 43,000 women will lose their lives to the disease; it is
9 the leading cause of death for Hispanic women and the second leading
10 cause of death for African American, Asian Pacific, and American
11 Indian women; in 2020, more than 18,000 Texans were diagnosed with
12 breast cancer; breast cancer is the most common type of cancer
13 globally, with more than two million people diagnosed in 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 1985, the month of October has been recognized
15 nationally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and as a result of this
16 increased advocacy, billions of dollars have been spent on research
17 and education, while many of the brightest scientific minds have
18 been devoted to learning more about this disease; in addition, the
19 annual event has helped raise awareness about the need for
20 mammograms and other types of proactive screening; and

21 WHEREAS, These changes are especially significant because
22 the issues around women's health have often been insufficiently
23 examined by the medical community, resulting in women being
24 underdiagnosed and, at times, not receiving lifesaving

1 interventions; and

2 WHEREAS, The incidence of breast cancer is almost completely
3 the same among White and Black women, yet Black women face a
4 41 percent higher mortality rate than White women; and

5 WHEREAS, Social inequities perpetuate a disparity in
6 prevention, treatment, and survival of breast cancer; early
7 detection saves lives, and all Texans deserve the best health care
8 available, regardless of ability to pay or systemic barriers to
9 health care; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize October 2021 as
12 Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourage Texans to seek out more
13 information about breast cancer.