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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March is Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Awareness
2 Month, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to promote
3 better understanding of this health issue; and

4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed
5 cancers and the second leading cause of cancer death among women in
6 the United States; the American Cancer Society estimates that in
7 2023, approximately 298,000 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed,
8 and more than 43,000 women will lose their lives to the disease; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the many forms of breast cancer,
10 triple-negative breast cancer, or TNBC, accounts for about 15 to 20
11 percent of all diagnosed invasive breast cancer cases in the
12 nation, with over 53,700 new cases identified in 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, Due to its aggressive behavior, TNBC grows quickly,
14 and it is more likely to have spread by the time of detection and to
15 come back after treatment than other types of breast cancer; people
16 diagnosed with metastatic TNBC have less than a 30 percent chance of
17 surviving longer than five years; and

18 WHEREAS, Triple-negative breast cancer cells do not contain
19 three key receptors that medicines typically target in other types
20 of breast cancers; therefore, there are limited options available
21 for treatment; patients with an early diagnosis can often be
22 treated with chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery, and recent
23 innovations in targeted therapies have fueled the fight against the
24 disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Triple-negative breast cancer disproportionately
2 affects younger women, Black and Hispanic women, women with type 2
3 diabetes or excess weight in the abdomen, and those with BRCA1
4 mutations; studies have shown that disease-specific mortality
5 rates are often higher in patients of lower socioeconomic status,
6 and compared to non-Hispanic white women, Black women are 48
7 percent less likely to receive guideline-adherent care and around
8 twice as likely to die from the disease; and

9 WHEREAS, While advances in screening and treatment have
10 reduced the overall breast cancer mortality rate over the last few
11 decades, the disproportionate impact of TNBC on racial and ethnic
12 minority communities calls for a heightened awareness about the
13 disease-related disparities in order to tackle inequities in health
14 care delivery such as inadequate access to screening, diagnostic
15 testing, and care; and

16 WHEREAS, TNBC is a serious and life-threatening disease, and
17 the observance of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month
18 serves as a means of rallying support for increased early detection
19 and ensuring quality care for all women; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize March 2023 as Triple-Negative Breast
22 Cancer Awareness Month and urge all Texans to learn more about the
23 disease.