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1 Senate Resolution No. ____
2 A resolution recognizing October 2003 as Breast
3 Cancer Awareness Month in Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer
6 diagnosed in women in the nation, and
7 WHEREAS, Florida ranks fourth in the nation for total
8 number of new breast cancer cases and deaths from breast
9 cancer, and
10 WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer and
11 the single most important risk factor is age, such that 64
12 percent of all breast cancers occur in women age 60 and older,
13 and
14 WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
15 Society estimates that a total of 13,100 new cases of invasive
16 breast cancer in Florida were diagnosed during the year 2002,
17 and
18 WHEREAS, every 3 hours, one women in Florida dies of
19 breast cancer, and a total of 2,600 Floridian women die from
20 breast cancer within 1 year, and
21 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cause
22 of cancer death in white women and the number one cause of
23 cancer death among African American women, and
24 WHEREAS, almost 1 million women over the age of 40 in
25 Florida have never had a mammogram, and
26 WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical
27 exams and mammography screening, beginning at age 40 in
28 compliance with the American Cancer Society recommended breast
29 cancer screening guidelines, is the key to improving survival
30 rates for breast cancer, and
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1 WHEREAS, breast cancer awareness programs, such as the
2 American Cancer Society's Tell-A-Friend-Tuesday program will
3 promote early detection through regular screening in
4 conjunction with the promotion of October as Breast Cancer
5 Awareness Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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9 That the Florida Senate recognizes the month of October
10 2003 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and urges all
11 women to understand the risks associated with breast cancer,
12 to take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to
13 undergo early detection procedures such as mammography and
14 compliance with the American Cancer Society recommended
15 breast-cancer screening guidelines.

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