



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

SENATE RESOLUTION
By Senators SWEENEY and WEINBERG

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WHEREAS, Every 69 seconds, somewhere in the world, a women dies of breast cancer; every three minutes, a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer; and every 13 minutes, a woman loses her battle with the disease; and;

WHEREAS, In 2012, in the United States, 226,870 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer; and 39,510 will die; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, in New Jersey, there will be 6,970 new diagnoses of, and 1,340 deaths from, breast cancer; and;

WHEREAS, The "good news" is that breast cancer mortality has decreased by two percent each year for the past decade due to increased awareness, annual mammograms, earlier detection, and more effective treatments; and, currently, there are 2,500,000 breast cancer survivors in the United States alone; and,

WHEREAS, Each year, the month of October is observed nationwide as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month"; and,

WHEREAS, The month of October in each year is designated as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of New Jersey pursuant to P.L.2005, J.R.7 (C.36:2-86);; and,

WHEREAS, On October 28, 2012, members of the general public are encouraged to expand their awareness of breast density and how it can be critically important in the level of a woman's risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer; and,

WHEREAS, National Breast Reconstruction Awareness (BRA) Day, known as BRA Day USA, which is to be held on October 17, 2012, is an initiative designed to promote education, awareness, and access regarding post-mastectomy breast reconstruction; and,

WHEREAS, Various organizations have provided, and are providing, critical services to the people of this State relating to breast cancer, including education and public awareness, preventive health, assistance with care, counseling, social services, and advocacy, as well as funding for innovative scientific research that is an essential component of the war against cancer; and their ongoing efforts on behalf of New Jerseyans are most laudatory and sincerely appreciated by this House and all the citizens of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, The efforts of these organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men in all communities in this State through outreach, education, and screening programs, and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having annual mammograms; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

Recognizes the State and national observance of "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" during October, 2012, commends the various organizations in this State that have sought to defeat breast cancer and assist New Jerseyans who are coping with this disease, and extends its appreciation to these organizations during the observance of this month as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of New Jersey and "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month."