



## 2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

October 21, 2021 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, BALLWEG, SMITH, AGARD, BERNIER, BEWLEY, BRADLEY, CARPENTER, COWLES, ERPENBACH, FELZKOWSKI, FEYEN, JACQUE, JOHNSON, LARSON, MARKLEIN, PFAFF, RINGHAND, ROTH, ROYS, STROEBEL, L. TAYLOR, TESTIN, WANGGAARD and WIMBERGER, cosponsored by Representatives EMERSON, MACCO, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BOWEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HORLACHER, KERKMAN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEUBAUER, OLDENBURG, ORTIZ-VELEZ, POPE, RAMTHUN, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

2             Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each  
3     year in the United States, about 255,000 women develop breast cancer and 42,000  
4     women die from the disease; and

5             Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports that breast  
6     cancer is the most common cancer among women in Wisconsin, accounting for nearly  
7     one-third of all cancers diagnosed among women; and

8             Whereas, the American Cancer Society estimates that this year 5,210 new  
9     cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in Wisconsin women, resulting in 750 deaths  
10    from the disease in Wisconsin; and

11            Whereas, the American Cancer Society estimates that this year in the United  
12    States 2,650 cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in men, resulting in 530 deaths  
13    from the disease; and

14            Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported that in  
15    Wisconsin the age-adjusted incidence rate of breast cancer during the period from

1 2009 to 2013 among women was 127.2 per 100,000 and among men was 1.6 per  
2 100,000; and

3 Whereas, early detection through regular screening tests is the most effective  
4 way to increase the odds of survival from breast cancer; and

5 Whereas, the American Cancer Society recommends yearly mammograms for  
6 women beginning at age 45; and

7 Whereas, the American Cancer Society states that breast cancer death rates in  
8 older women have steadily declined since 2007, decreasing by 1 percent per year from  
9 2013 to 2018, and these decreased rates are believed to be the result of increased  
10 awareness, early detection, and better treatments; and

11 Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highlighted a recent  
12 study published in the Journal of Preventative Medicine that found that use of the  
13 CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program declined by 87  
14 percent during April 2020 as compared with the previous 5-year averages for that  
15 month; and

16 Whereas, delays in breast cancer screenings caused by the COVID-19  
17 pandemic may lead to later stage breast cancer diagnoses and negative health  
18 outcomes; and

19 Whereas, October is internationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness  
20 Month; and

21 Whereas, the health and well-being of Wisconsin residents are enhanced as a  
22 direct result of increased awareness and early detection; now, therefore, be it

