

## Senate Resolution 988

By: Senators Karinshak of the 48th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 2020 as Cervical Health Awareness Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that affects nearly 13,000 American women each  
3 year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the rate of cervical cancer in Georgia is higher than the average rate of cervical  
5 cancer in the United States; and
- 6 WHEREAS, cervical cancer most often affects women in their prime; and
- 7 WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease  
8 early, when it can be effectively treated; and
- 9 WHEREAS, approximately 15 percent of women in Georgia have not had a cervical cancer  
10 screening test in the last three years as recommended; and
- 11 WHEREAS, cancer prevention vaccines are available that, along with screening tests,  
12 provide a formidable and effective means of preventing cervical cancer; and
- 13 WHEREAS, increasing awareness among patients and health care providers alike regarding  
14 the best use of these prevention tools is a key component in safeguarding women's health;  
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the Georgia Clinic-West End,  
17 Sumter Pediatrics Montezuma, Clifton Springs Health Center, and The Susan Jolley  
18 Awareness Program for their outstanding success in vaccinating and educating individuals  
19 to prevent cervical cancer.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize January 2020 as Cervical Health Awareness Month, support all women in taking  
22 advantage of the tests and vaccines that have proven effective in preventing cervical cancer,  
23 and encourage all parents to consider vaccinating their children against cervical cancer.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
26 press.