

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No.

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the recognition of January 2018 as Cervical Cancer Screening and Awareness Month.

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| 2  | of January 2018 as Cervical Cancer Screening and Awareness     |
| 3  | Month.   |
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| 4  | Whereas, Nearly 13,000 women are diagnosed with cervical       |
| 5  | cancer each year in the United States, and more than 4,000 die |
| 6  | as a result;   |
| 7  | Whereas, In Indiana, over 250 women are diagnosed with         |
| 8  | cervical cancer each year, and every three days a woman dies   |
| 9  | as a result;   |
| 10 | Whereas, Cervical cancer is almost 100 percent preventable,    |
| 11 | yet many are unaware that steps can be taken to prevent the    |
| 12 | disease through education, prevention, and screening;          |
| 13 | Whereas, Mortality from cervical cancer is associated with     |
| 14 | being diagnosed at a later stage, which often stems from poor  |
| 15 | access to preventative services and a lack of follow-up care   |
| 16 | after an abnormal screening; and                               |
| 17 | Whereas, Awareness of cervical cancer, its risk factors, and   |
| 18 | the importance of access to preventative measures are critical |
| 19 | to perpetuating the continual decrease of the incidence of     |
| 20 | cervical cancer in women in Indiana and across the nation:     |
| 21 | Therefore,   |
| 22 | Be it resolved by the House of Representatives                 |
| 23 | of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,               |
| 24 | the Senate concurring:   |
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SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the recognition of January 2018 as Cervical Cancer Screening and Awareness Month in the hope that this recognition will encourage prompt access to preventative services and high-quality medical care and treatment in order to overcome existing barriers to care for all women.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the governor's office, the commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health, and the secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.



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