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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION bringing awareness to triple
2 negative breast cancer.

3 *Whereas, Breast cancer is among the most commonly*
4 *diagnosed cancers and the second leading cause of cancer*
5 *death among women in the United States;*

6 *Whereas, Approximately 281,550 women will be diagnosed*
7 *with breast cancer, and nearly 43,600 women will die with this*
8 *malignancy in 2021;*

9 *Whereas, Triple negative breast cancer is one of many forms*
10 *of breast cancer and accounts for about 15-30% of all*
11 *diagnosed invasive breast cancer cases in the United States;*

12 *Whereas, More than 53,700 new breast cancer cases in 2019*
13 *in the United States were triple negative breast cancer;*

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1 *Whereas, There was higher prevalence of triple negative*
2 *breast cancer among younger women, Black and Hispanic*
3 *women, women with type 2 diabetes or carrying excess weight*
4 *in the abdominal area, and those with BRCA1 mutations;*

5 *Whereas, Due to its aggressive behavior, triple negative*
6 *breast cancer grows quickly and is more likely to have spread*
7 *at the time it is found and is more likely to come back after*
8 *treatment than other types of breast cancer;*

9 *Whereas, People diagnosed with metastatic triple negative*
10 *breast cancer have a less than 30% chance of surviving past*
11 *five years;*

12 *Whereas, Triple negative breast cancer cells do not contain*
13 *(are "negative for") three key receptors that medicines typically*
14 *target in other types of breast cancers, and therefore, there are*
15 *limited treatment options that can be used to treat the cancer;*

16 *Whereas, Patients with an early diagnosis can often be*
17 *treated with chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery. However,*
18 *the limited therapies available specifically addressing the*
19 *management of triple negative breast cancer have made*
20 *treating this disease a challenge for clinicians;*

21 *Whereas, Recent innovations in targeted therapies have*
22 *fueled advances in the fight against triple negative breast*
23 *cancer;*

24 *Whereas, Studies have shown that triple negative breast*
25 *cancer disease-specific mortality rates are often higher if*
26 *patients have Medicaid or Medicare or are lower in*
27 *socio-economic status;*

28 *Whereas, Compared with non-Hispanic white women, Black*
29 *women are 48% less likely to receive guideline adherent care*
30 *and have an approximate twofold higher mortality incidence,*
31 *resulting in a disproportionately higher risk of death from*
32 *triple negative breast cancer;*

33 *Whereas, Advances in breast cancer screening and treatment*



1 *over the last few decades have reduced the overall breast*
2 *cancer mortality rate, yet the disproportionate impact of triple*
3 *negative breast cancer on racial and ethnic minority*
4 *communities raises considerations about the underlying*
5 *determinants driving the disparities; and*

6 *Whereas, It is necessary to promote triple negative breast*
7 *cancer education, raise awareness about the disease-related*
8 *disparities, and tackle inequities within the health care delivery*
9 *such as inadequate access to screening, diagnostic testing, and*
10 *care, to improve early detection and survival: Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
12 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

13 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
14 hopes to bring awareness to triple negative breast cancer.

15 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
16 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to State
17 Representative Robin Shackleford for distribution.

