

1                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON BREAST CANCER**

2                                   **SCREENING**

3   2012 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

6                                   House Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges women ages 40  
11 years old and older to receive breast cancer screening once each year that, at a  
12 minimum, consists of a mammogram.

13   **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This resolution:

- 15           ▶ recognizes the importance of breast cancer screening and early detection of breast  
16 cancer through screening;
- 17           ▶ urges women aged 40 and older to be annually screened for breast cancer including,  
18 at a minimum, a mammogram; and
- 19           ▶ recognizes the importance of public programs that provide breast cancer screening  
20 to uninsured women who cannot afford to be screened.

21   **Special Clauses:**

22           None

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24   *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

25           WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among Utah women;

26           WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2012 nearly 1,400 women will be diagnosed with  
27 breast cancer in Utah;

28           WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2012 nearly 40% of women in Utah diagnosed with  
29 breast cancer will be diagnosed at late stage;

30 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2012 nearly 400 women in Utah diagnosed with  
31 breast cancer will die, in part due to late stage diagnosis;

32 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in many cases the costs to treat breast cancer for many  
33 women in Utah will be 1,000% higher than for breast cancer diagnosed at early stage, in part  
34 due to late stage diagnosis;

35 WHEREAS, breast cancer screening rates in Utah are regularly the lowest or among the  
36 lowest in the nation;

37 WHEREAS, many women in Utah indicate that they choose not to be screened for  
38 breast cancer due to cost; and

39 WHEREAS, clinical trials indicate that routine breast cancer screening can reduce  
40 breast cancer deaths and treatment costs:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
42 Governor concurring therein, recognize the importance of breast cancer screening and early  
43 detection of breast cancer through screening.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage  
45 women aged 40 and older to be annually screened for breast cancer including, at a minimum, a  
46 mammogram.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the  
48 importance of public programs that provide breast cancer screening to uninsured women who  
49 cannot afford to be screened.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American  
51 Medical Association, the Utah Medical Association, the Utah Hospital Association, the Utah  
52 Medical Insurance Association, the Utah Association of Independent Insurance Agents, and the  
53 Utah Insurance Department.