

Reps. Price, Barnett, Brown, Cotter, Crawford, Daley, Darany, Denby, Dianda, Driskell, Durhal, Geiss, Heise, Hooker, Hovey-Wright, Howrylak, Kesto, Kowall, Lamonte, Lane, LaVoy, Lipton, Pettalia, Poleski, Roberts, Santana, Schmidt, Schor, Segal, Singh, Slavens and Zorn offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 245.

A resolution to declare October 18, 2013, as Mammography Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and

Whereas, Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women; and

Whereas, According to the World Health Organization, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide; and

Whereas, Breast cancer does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas, October has long been recognized across America as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to raise public awareness about the importance of early detection; and

Whereas, Efforts to promote increased mammography screening have resulted in the third Friday in October being declared National Mammography Day; and

Whereas, Mammograms can provide early detection of breast cancer in many women; and

Whereas, Mammography is the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer; and

Whereas, As mammography screening rates have increased, more cases of breast cancer have been found at earlier stages when chances of survival are highest; and

Whereas, The five year survival rate among women whose breast cancer has not spread beyond the breast at the time of diagnosis is 98.3 percent; and

Whereas, Women 40 and older should have a mammogram every one or two years; and

Whereas, Even with impressive progress, many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals despite the fact that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 18, 2013 as Mammography Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body urge all Michiganders to take proactive steps to reduce the risk and get appropriate screening.