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Whereas breast cancer will strike an estimated 182,000 women and 1,000 men in the United States in 1994;

Whereas the risk of developing breast cancer increases as a woman grows older;

Whereas breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, and will kill an estimated 46,000 women and 300 men in 1994;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for localized breast cancer has risen from 78 percent in the 1940’s to over 90 percent today;

Whereas most breast cancers are detected by the woman herself;

Whereas educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection will result in reducing breast cancer mortality;

Whereas appropriate use of screening mammography, in conjunction with clinical examination and breast self-examination, can result in the detection of many breast cancers early in their development and increase the survival rate to nearly 100 percent;

Whereas data from controlled trials clearly demonstrate that deaths from breast cancer are significantly reduced in women who have been screened by mammography;

Whereas many women are reluctant to have screening mammograms for a variety of reasons, such as the cost of testing, lack of information, or fear;

Whereas access to screening mammography is directly related to socioeconomic status;

Whereas increased awareness about the importance of screening mammography will result in the procedure being regularly requested by the patient and recommended by the health care provider; and

Whereas it is projected that more women will use this lifesaving test as it becomes increasingly available and affordable: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That October 1994 is designated as “National Breast
 4 Cancer Awareness Month” and the President is authorized
 5 and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the
 6 people of the United States to observe the month with ap-
 7 propriate programs and activities.

Passed the Senate August 12 (legislative day, August 11), 1994.

Attest:

Secretary.