

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 112**

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Adopted in Assembly    May 22, 1998

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Adopted in Senate    May 21, 1998

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of  
State this\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998,  
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*Deputy Secretary of State*



## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 112—Relative to Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 112, Bustamante. Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of October 1998 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and would urge various public and private entities to reflect on the progress that has been made in advancing our knowledge about breast cancer and to publicly reaffirm the commitment to controlling and curing this disease.

WHEREAS, The most common form of cancer among women, and one of the deadliest cancers of all, breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 46,000 women will die of breast cancer in the United States and about 180,000 new cases will be diagnosed in 1998; and

WHEREAS, It is an epidemic that will strike one out of 10 California women in their lifetime and approximately 5,000 California women will die of breast cancer and nearly 20,000 new cases will be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, In California, the highest incidence of breast cancer is found in Anglo women, the highest mortality rate occurs among African-American women, and the greatest percentage of late-stage diagnosis occurs among Latino and African-American women; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the incalculable emotional costs to women and their families, the direct and indirect economic costs of breast cancer are estimated at \$8 billion a year nationally in additional health care services and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, Women in their 30's and 40's are in particular danger because breast cancer is increasingly being diagnosed in their age groups, and adding to the



horror is the fact that 70 percent of women with the cancer do not exhibit any of the known risk factors; and

WHEREAS, Despite over 25 years of the “War on Cancer,” there is still no known cause, cure, or method of preventing breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mammography is still an important method for breast cancer detection, but it, unfortunately, often fails to identify the disease effectively; and

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute reports that even though breast cancer increased 32 percent in the United States between 1982 and 1989, the government spent only \$77 million annually researching the prevention of breast cancer during that same time period and despite the fact that Congress spent \$500 million in 1995–96 for federal breast cancer research, much more is needed to fund research intended to finding a cure and a means of preventing breast cancer adequately; and

WHEREAS, Californians now may support breast cancer research through the California Breast Cancer Research Fund Act, which allows individuals to make a voluntary contribution to support research when filing state income tax returns; and

WHEREAS, Even with the increase in breast cancer awareness, as evidenced by designating October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and making provisions for people to contribute to the research, breast exam and mammography are still the primary methods of breast cancer detection available to women; and

WHEREAS, All women 40 to 49 years of age should consult about mammograms with their health care providers and all women over 50 years of age should have a regularly scheduled mammogram every year; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Members of the Legislature hereby proclaim October 1998 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urge all government officials, businesses, communities, health care professionals, educators, volunteers, and all the citizens of California to reflect on the progress that has been made



in advancing our knowledge about breast cancer and to publicly reaffirm the commitment to controlling and curing this disease; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California and to the author for appropriate distribution.



Attest:

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*Secretary of State*

