

1 WHEREAS, one in every eight women will be diagnosed with breast
2 cancer in her lifetime; and

3 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in
4 women ages 15 to 54, and more than 11,000 younger women are
5 diagnosed with breast cancer each year. For more than 1,000 of
6 these women, the disease is fatal. The number of women diagnosed
7 under the age of 40 and living with breast cancer is over 250,000;
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9 WHEREAS, we recognize that men as well as women are at risk for
10 breast cancer, and need to be educated about their risks as well;
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12 WHEREAS, we hope that someday there will be a cure for breast
13 cancer, but in the meantime we know the importance of education
14 because early detection is the only way to save lives. Likewise, we
15 recognize the many Oklahoma grassroots organizations, support groups
16 and clinics who are providing support, education and treatment for
17 women and men affected by breast cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, we the Legislature of Oklahoma want to do whatever
19 possible to support those fighting breast cancer in our state.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
21 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the importance of
24 breast cancer awareness and education for all men and women.

1 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates May 3, 2011, as
2 "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

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