

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4617, by Representatives Ruderman, Huff, Edwards, Parlette, Kastama, Cody, Lambert, Hankins, Constantine, Hatfield, Ogden, Pflug, Skinner, Conway, Kagi, Lovick, Dunn, D. Schmidt, Linville, Veloria, Thomas and McDonald

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 176,300 women and men in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999; and

WHEREAS, A projected 12,800 women in the United States will be diagnosed and 4,800 will die from cervical cancer in 1999; and

WHEREAS, There is no known cure for advanced breast or cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the leading cause of death, from all causes, of women between the ages of 35 and 54; and

WHEREAS, In Washington state, 3,300 women will be diagnosed and 800 will die from breast cancer in 1999; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 200 women in Washington state will be diagnosed with cervical cancer in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Detection of breast and cervical cancer at an early stage provides greater chance of cure and more treatment options; and

WHEREAS, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is dedicated to eradicating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation distributes funds to organizations fighting breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, The 1998 Washington State Legislature was named the Honorary Race Chair of the Race for the Cure in recognition of the first legislative appropriation of one million dollars to the State Department of Health in support of the Breast and Cervical Health Program funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, It is the declared public policy of the State of Washington that public health planning is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize the courageous women and men who have survived breast and cervical cancer and remember and honor the women and men who have died of breast cancer and cervical cancer and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the state of Washington, that February 15, 1999, be designated as Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to the Governor.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4617 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 15, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk