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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 282744
ADOPTED ON OCT 11 1993

WHEREAS, breast cancer is an epidemic that will strike one out of eight American women, and one out of ten California women in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women and is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths among women both nationally and in California; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, approximately 46,000 women will die of breast cancer, and some 180,000 new cases will be diagnosed in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in California, approximately 5,000 women will die of breast cancer, and nearly 20,000 new cases will be diagnosed in 1993; 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, breast cancer is increasingly being diagnosed among women in their thirties and forties; and

WHEREAS, more than 70% of women with breast cancer exhibit none of the known risk factors; and

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WHEREAS, although evidence is emerging about a link between environmental factors and breast cancer, not enough research is being funded to pursue this link; and

WHEREAS, despite over 20 years of the "war on cancer," there is still no known cause, cure or method of preventing breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, while mammography remains an important method for breast cancer detection, it often fails to identify the disease effectively, particularly among women in their twenties, thirties and forties; when a mammogram does identify a tumor, the cancer has usually been established for an estimated eight years; and

WHEREAS, while mammography is less effective in denser breast tissue, monthly breast self-exam becomes even more important for women in their twenties, thirties and forties; 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, Californians now have a unique opportunity to support breast cancer research in this state 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, heightened public awareness and education about breast cancer are crucial to the national effort to eradicate this epidemic; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all women, men and families to join together to promote greater awareness about a disease that affects all Californians, the need for true early detection and adequate treatment options, and the urgency of finding a cure; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, in order to heighten public awareness about breast cancer, including the need to re-double efforts to prevent and cure this disease, declares October as Breast Cancer Awareness month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of The City of San Diego, in order to recognize that, to date, breast exam and mammography are still the primary methods of breast cancer detection available to women, and that, therefore, all women should perform monthly breast self-exams, women over 50 should have regularly scheduled mammograms every year, and women ages 40 to 49 should consult about mammograms with their health care providers, declares October 19 as Breast Exam and Mammography Awareness Day.

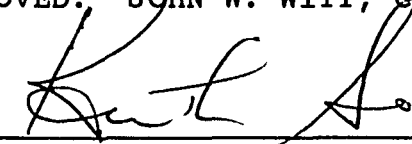
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of The City of San Diego emphasizes that the public education efforts conducted during the month of October should be part of an ongoing, year-round effort to raise public awareness across the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of The City of San Diego recognizes that while early detection through routine mammograms, clinical exam, and breast self-exam is important, the only effective means of protecting women against breast cancer is


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to make breast cancer research a priority and fund critically needed research into the cause, cure and prevention of breast cancer.

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