

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON BREAST CANCER**
2 **SCREENING**

3 2012 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

6 House Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges women ages 40
11 years old and older to receive breast cancer screening once each year that, at a
12 minimum, consists of a mammogram ~~§→ [and urges that all insurance programs in the state~~
13 ~~of Utah provide breast cancer screening to include mammograms and other physician~~
14 ~~recommended screening tests, with minimum or no co-payments or out-of-pocket costs.] ←§~~

15 **Highlighted Provisions:**

16 This resolution:

17 ▶ recognizes the importance of breast cancer screening and early detection of breast
18 cancer through screening;

19 ▶ urges women aged 40 and older to be annually screened for breast cancer including,
20 at a minimum, a mammogram; ~~§→ and ←§~~

21 ▶ recognizes the importance of public programs that provide breast cancer screening
22 to uninsured women who cannot afford to be screened ~~§→ [;and~~

23 ~~→ urges all insurance programs in the state of Utah to provide for breast cancer~~
24 ~~screening to include mammograms and other physician recommended screening~~
25 ~~tests, with minimum or no co-payments or out-of-pocket costs.] ←§~~

26 **Special Clauses:**

27 None



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29 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

30 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among Utah women;

31 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2012 nearly 1,400 women will be diagnosed with
32 breast cancer in Utah;

33 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2012 nearly 40% of women in Utah diagnosed with
34 breast cancer will be diagnosed at late stage;

35 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2012 nearly 400 women in Utah diagnosed with
36 breast cancer will die, in part due to late stage diagnosis;

37 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in many cases the costs to treat breast cancer for many
38 women in Utah will be 1,000% higher than for breast cancer diagnosed at early stage, in part
39 due to late stage diagnosis;

40 WHEREAS, breast cancer screening rates in Utah are regularly the lowest or among the
41 lowest in the nation;

42 WHEREAS, many women in Utah indicate that they choose not to be screened for
43 breast cancer due to cost; and

44 WHEREAS, clinical trials indicate that routine breast cancer screening can reduce
45 breast cancer deaths and treatment costs:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
47 Governor concurring therein, recognize the importance of breast cancer screening and early
48 detection of breast cancer through screening.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage
50 women aged 40 and older to be annually screened for breast cancer including, at a minimum, a
51 mammogram.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the
53 importance of public programs that provide breast cancer screening to uninsured women who
54 cannot afford to be screened.

55 **§→** [~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage all~~
56 ~~insurance programs in the state of Utah to provide for breast cancer screening to include~~
57 ~~mammograms and other physician recommended screening tests, with minimum or no~~
58 ~~co-payments or out-of-pocket costs.] **←§**~~

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American
60 Medical Association, the Utah Medical Association, the Utah Hospital Association, the Utah
61 Medical Insurance Association, the Utah Association of Independent Insurance Agents, and the
62 Utah Insurance Department.

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