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RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2017 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that 40,610 women in the United States will die from breast cancer in 2017; about 650 of those women will be in Alabama; approximately 440 men from Alabama will die from breast cancer in 2017; and

WHEREAS, approximately 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and 2,740 cases in men in the United States before the end of 2017; and about 3,960 of those cases will occur in women in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; detection of breast cancer at an early stage greatly improves the chances for successful treatment and survival; early detection programs and notification laws contribute to the early detection of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature passed Act 2013-284 requiring a physician to provide specific notification to a woman when a mammogram indicates that she has dense breast

1 tissue; dense breast tissue makes it more difficult to locate
2 cancer on a mammogram and is associated with an increased risk
3 of breast cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, notification of dense breast tissue is
5 accompanied with encouragement for a woman to be more vigilant
6 in her care, including in testing, screening, and seeking
7 other options for identifying the presence of breast cancer;
8 the notification increases the doctor/patient relationship and
9 is credited with saving lives; and

10 WHEREAS, indeed, awareness and early detection
11 efforts provide ways in which countless individuals can
12 increase success in battling breast cancer; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is with highest
15 commendation that we recognize October 2017 as Breast Cancer
16 Awareness Month, and, by copy of this resolution express our
17 support regarding early detection and notification of dense
18 breast tissue in the battle against breast cancer.