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DECLARING MARCH 3, 2022, AS TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS DAY AND THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022 AS TRIPLE
NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is among the most commonly
diagnosed cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer
death among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 281,550 women will be
diagnosed with breast cancer, and nearly 43,600 will die with
this malignancy in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Triple Negative Breast Cancer is one of
many forms of breast cancer and accounts for about 15-30
percent of all diagnosed invasive breast cancer cases in the
United States; and

WHEREAS, of the new breast cancer cases diagnosed in
2019 in the United States, more than 53,700 were Triple
Negative Breast Cancer with highest prevalence among younger
women, Black and Hispanic women, women with type 2 diabetes or
carrying excess weight in the abdomen area, and those with
BRCA1 mutations; and

1 WHEREAS, due to its aggressive behavior, Triple
2 Negative Breast Cancer grows quickly, is more likely to have
3 spread at the time it is found, and is more likely to come
4 back after treatment than other types of breast cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, people diagnosed with metastatic Triple
6 Negative Breast Cancer have a less than 30 percent chance of
7 surviving more than five years; and

8 WHEREAS, Triple Negative Breast Cancer cells do not
9 contain and are considered negative for the three key
10 receptors that medicines typically target in other types of
11 breast cancers; therefore, there are limited treatment options
12 that can be used to treat the cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, patients with an early diagnosis can often
14 be treated with chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery; however,
15 the limited therapies available specifically addressing the
16 management of Triple Negative Breast Cancer has made treating
17 this disease a challenge for clinicians; and

18 WHEREAS, recent innovation in targeted therapies has
19 fueled advances in the fight against Triple Negative Breast
20 Cancer; and

21 WHEREAS, studies have shown that Triple Negative
22 Breast Cancer disease-specific mortality rates are often
23 higher if patients have Medicaid or Medicare or are lower
24 socio-economic status, and compared with non-Hispanic women,
25 Black women are 48 percent less likely to receive guideline
26 adherent care and have an approximate two-fold higher

1 mortality incidence, resulting in a disproportionately higher
2 risk of death from Triple Negative Breast Cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, advances in breast cancer screening and
4 treatment over the last few decades have reduced the overall
5 breast cancer mortality rate, yet the disproportionate impact
6 of Triple Negative Breast Cancer on racial and minority
7 communities raises considerations of the underlying
8 determinants driving the disparities; and

9 WHEREAS, it is necessary to promote Triple Negative
10 Breast Cancer education to raise awareness about the
11 disease-related disparities and to tackle inequities within
12 the health care delivery, such as inadequate access to
13 screening, diagnostic testing, and care, and to improve early
14 detection and survival; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we declare March 3, 2022, as
17 Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of
18 Alabama and the month of March 2022 as Triple Negative Breast
19 Cancer Awareness Month.