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3 By Representative Mooney
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 DECLARING MARCH 3, 2022, AS TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST
4 CANCER AWARENESS DAY AND THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022 AS TRIPLE
5 NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.
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7 WHEREAS, breast cancer is among the most commonly
8 diagnosed cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer
9 death among women in the United States; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, of the new breast cancer cases diagnosed in
18 2019 in the United States, more than 53,700 were Triple
19 Negative Breast Cancer with highest prevalence among younger
20 women, Black and Hispanic women, women with type 2 diabetes or
21 carrying excess weight in the abdomen area, and those with
22 BRCA1 mutations; and

23 WHEREAS, due to its aggressive behavior, Triple
24 Negative Breast Cancer grows quickly, is more likely to have

1 spread at the time it is found, and is more likely to come
2 back after treatment than other types of breast cancer; and

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

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 23-FEB-22.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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