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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing October as
Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Whereas, Inflammatory breast cancer is a type of breast cancer in which cancer cells block the lymph vessels in the skin of the breast;

Whereas, Symptoms, which may appear overnight, are similar to those of mastitis, a benign infection, sometimes resulting in misdiagnoses and delays in treatment, and such postponements in care often result in an eventual Stage IV diagnosis;

Whereas, Accounting for less than five percent of breast cancer cases, inflammatory breast cancer is the most

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aggressive form of the disease, due to its faster doubling time;

Whereas, The five-year survival rate of inflammatory breast cancer is approximately 40 percent, mainly because of delays in diagnosis, the disease's resistance to treatment with standard chemotherapy, and a lack of expertise in treating this rare form of cancer;

Whereas, Because it does not form the characteristic lump that can alert women to the presence of breast cancer, inflammatory breast cancer can quickly spread undetected throughout the breast and is also rarely detected by mammogram or ultrasound;

Whereas, The treatment of inflammatory breast cancer differs from other breast cancer treatments, and early diagnosis by a physician with experience in caring for inflammatory breast cancer is essential; and

Whereas, It is truly fitting that a month be set aside to raise awareness about this devastating disease through education of the general public and the medical community: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 commends those who are working to fight inflammatory breast cancer
3 and calls on Hoosiers to observe October as Inflammatory Breast
4 Cancer Awareness Month.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the Inflammatory
7 Breast Cancer Foundation.

