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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 80

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Designating October 4, in 2022 and in each succeeding year, as Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Virginia.

Patrons—Reid, Adams, D.M., Avoli and Keam; Senator: Cosgrove

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, inflammatory breast cancer is an aggressive and rapidly progressing form of breast cancer characterized by very low survival rates; it accounts for one to five percent of all diagnosed breast cancers; and

WHEREAS, inflammatory breast cancer often does not form a lump that can be detected in a self-exam or mammogram; it is frequently initially mistaken for an infection; and

WHEREAS, due to its rapid spread through the body, inflammatory breast cancer has often already reached an advanced stage by the time it is detected, making it difficult to successfully treat; and

WHEREAS, more research into inflammatory breast cancer is needed in order to understand risk factors, advance methods for early detection and treatment, and improve the prognosis for patients with inflammatory breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, to stay healthy, Virginians must know the signs and symptoms, understand treatment options, and recognize the need for increased research into inflammatory breast cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate October 4, in 2022 and in each succeeding year, as Inflammatory Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the American Cancer Society in Virginia so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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