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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS
10 MONTH.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS CERVICAL CANCER
14 AWARENESS MONTH.

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17 WHEREAS, even though it is an easily preventable disease with regular
18 screening and is easily curable when caught early, there are still eleven
19 thousand seventy (11,070) newly detected cases of cervical cancer estimated
20 to be diagnosed in the United States in 2008; and

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22 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimated one hundred thirty (130)
23 new cases of cervical cancer would be diagnosed in Arkansas in 2008; and

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25 WHEREAS, after the District of Columbia, Arkansas ranked second in the
26 nation for cervical cancer mortality from 2001 to 2005; and

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28 WHEREAS, in Arkansas, the cervical cancer mortality rate for black
29 women is twice as high as the cervical cancer mortality rate for white women,
30 and the cervical cancer mortality rate for Arkansas Hispanic women is almost
31 three times the mortality rate for Hispanic women in the United States; and

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33 WHEREAS, in Arkansas in 2005, there were one hundred thirty-nine (139)
34 newly diagnosed invasive cervical cancer cases and fifty-two (52) cervical
35 cancer deaths; and



1 WHEREAS, in 2005, the Arkansas General Assembly passed the Cervical
2 Cancer Care Act that created a task force that contributed significantly to
3 educating the women of Arkansas on the importance of early detection; and
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5 WHEREAS, prevention and early detection saves lives, and the best
6 prevention methods include early vaccination, a regular Pap test, and a human
7 papillomavirus (HPV) test when recommended; and
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9 WHEREAS, increased awareness of cervical cancer could result in earlier
10 diagnoses and higher survival rates,
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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 That the House of Representatives recognizes the prevalence of cervical
17 cancer, encourages Arkansans to participate in prevention and early detection
18 opportunities, and recognizes January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
21 copy shall be provided to the Arkansas Chapter of the American Cancer Society
22 by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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