

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY SENATOR COLOMB

A RESOLUTION

To commend Susan G. Komen® Louisiana Affiliates for their efforts to save lives and end breast cancer in local communities through the delivery of breast cancer education, screening, treatment and research and to recognize Tuesday, May 3, 2016, as Susan G. Komen Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and advocates fighting together to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find breast cancer cures; and

WHEREAS, except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, among the fifty states, Louisiana ranks the second highest in breast cancer mortality, despite the fact that the breast cancer incidence rate in Louisiana is lower than the national average; and

WHEREAS, this year in Louisiana, it is estimated that over three thousand new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women, and over six hundred Louisiana women will die of the disease, many of them facing a late-stage diagnosis involving fewer treatment options and lower chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, approximately 16.3% of Louisiana residents are uninsured and, as a consequence, many of them facing a late-stage diagnosis involving fewer treatment options and lower chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen Louisiana Affiliates honor their mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever by advocating to preserve full state funding and matching federal funding to the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program to ensure that the program continues to provide breast cancer early detection services to women in the state; and

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen Louisiana Affiliates continue their mission locally, nationally, and globally to identify the cures that will end breast cancer as a life threatening disease and to provide community-based support to the women and men who are fighting breast cancer today, including those in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Susan G. Komen Louisiana Affiliates for their unwavering dedication to the fight against breast cancer and does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 3, 2016, as Susan G. Komen Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE