

2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

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1 **Relating to:** recognizing January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, cervical cancer is the 2nd most common cancer in women worldwide
3 following breast cancer; and

4 Whereas, there are approximately 12,200 new cases of cervical cancer
5 diagnosed in the United States each year, 4,100 of which result in fatalities; and

6 Whereas, in Wisconsin 262 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this
7 year, and 57 of those diagnoses will result in fatalities; and

8 Whereas, the median age of cervical cancer patients at diagnosis is 47 years,
9 which is the youngest median age for all female reproductive cancers; and

10 Whereas, minority and low-income women in Wisconsin are nearly 3 times
11 more likely to contract cervical cancer as a result of inadequate access to routine
12 screening, with approximately 64 percent receiving regular screenings compared to
13 80 percent in the remaining population; and

14 Whereas, most cervical cancer cases in America are attributable to a lack of
15 education and are easily preventable with increased awareness; and

