

A RESOLUTION honoring First Lady Jane Beshear for her commitment to fighting cancer in the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, hundreds of Kentuckians die each year from cancers that might have been prevented if found early through screening, particularly breast, colon, and cervical cancers; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Jane Beshear created the Horses and Hope initiative in 2008 to combine her passion for horses with the fight to cure cancer, especially breast cancer, which is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among Kentucky women; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Horses and Hope is to identify new opportunities to provide breast cancer awareness, education, screening, and treatment referral; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beshear convened the Pink Stable committee of women horse owners, trainers, jockeys, race track representatives, and others to help implement Horses and Hope initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Horses and Hope, with the Kentucky Cancer Program and women in Kentucky's horse industry, has hosted annual Breast Cancer Awareness Days at Churchill Downs, Turfway Park, Keeneland, and Ellis Park race tracks since 2008 where Mrs. Beshear honors survivors; and

WHEREAS, Horses and Hope sponsors Backside Outreach, where breast cancer education, awareness, screening, and treatment referral is provided to uninsured and underinsured equine industry employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, Horses and Hope has developed screening and resource materials and secured financial and in-kind contributions for Horses and Hope programs; and

WHEREAS, Horses and Hope has helped to raise awareness for breast cancer by sponsoring pink awareness activities and screenings at the North American Championship Rodeo, the Kentucky State Fair, the World's Championship Horse Show, the Lexington Junior League Horse Show, the inaugural Sprint Cup race at the Kentucky Speedway, Rock Creek Horse Show, the Horses and and Hope Trail Ride at the Kentucky

Horse Park, and Horses and Hope Cancer Survivor Weekend Retreats at Kentucky State Parks; and

WHEREAS, Horses and Hope has reached over one million race track and horse show fans, educated nearly 16,000 workers, screened nearly 700 workers, and detected breast cancer in two individuals, both of whom have received treatment; and

WHEREAS, Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear promote October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month annually; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Jane Beshear has continued the Annual Celebration of Hope to honor breast cancer survivors and promote awareness founded by former First Lady Judi Patton; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Jane Beshear supported the establishment of a University of Kentucky satellite screening facility in Greenup County by supporting the application to the Appalachian Regional Commission to pay part of the costs to provide free ovarian cancer screenings to women in the northeastern Kentucky area; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Jane Beshear worked to increase education and awareness of ovarian cancer and the importance of early screening and detection statewide, particularly for women age 50 or older and women over the age of 25 who have a family history of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Jane Beshear has created a public-private partnership with the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, KentuckyOne Health, the University of Louisville, and the Kentucky Cancer Program to seek \$1 million for a Mobile Cancer Screening and Education van to provide screening for seven different cancers, cancer prevention, early detection, and care and support services to underserved and at-risk populations across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beshear has helped promote women's health awareness efforts with the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center and the Kentucky Commission on Women;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. This honorable body, being deeply appreciative and forever grateful, honors First Lady Jane Beshear for her commitment to fighting cancer in the Commonwealth.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Jane Beshear, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 102, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.