

RESOLUTION NO. 7539

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Tiffany Muller concerning early detection of breast and cervical cancer.

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, one (1) out of every eight (8) women will develop breast cancer at some point in her life and breast cancer is the most common cancer among Kansas women; and

WHEREAS, when cervical and breast cancer is detected at an early, local stage, five (5) year survival rates are as high as ninety-seven percent (97%); and

WHEREAS, routine screening and prompt treatment can reduce deaths dramatically from cancer; and

WHEREAS, many women in our community are at risk of not being screened regularly due to lack of insurance or high deductibles; and

WHEREAS, there is a program through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, "Early Detection Works," that includes education, screening, case management, diagnosis and referral for cancer treatment free of charge to eligible women; and

WHEREAS, there are over ninety (90) Early Detection Works service providers throughout the State of Kansas that have screened over thirteen thousand seven hundred fifty (13,750) women and detected one hundred forty-two (142) breast cancer cases and one hundred fifty-five (155) cervical cancer cases and helped many of these women qualify for treatment under the Kansas Treatment Act; and

WHEREAS, Early Detection Works pays for screenings for low income, medically under-served women whose income falls within two hundred fifty percent (250%) of federal

26 guidelines, are between the ages of forty (40) and sixty-four (64), and have either no health
27 insurance or insurance with a high, unmet deductible; and

28 WHEREAS, there are currently no Early Detection Works screening providers in
29 Shawnee County; and

30 WHEREAS, providers of cancer screening, diagnostic tests, and treatment are
31 reimbursed through the Early Detection Works Program; and

32 WHEREAS, the Topeka City Council recognizes the importance of early detection
33 and treatment of breast and cervical cancer for women in Topeka and Shawnee County.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka,
35 Kansas, that it requests the Shawnee County Health Agency to sign up to become a
36 provider of Early Detection Works through the Kansas Department of Health and
37 Environment as soon as possible in order to provide women in Topeka and Shawnee
38 County access to breast and cervical cancer screening at no cost to the City of Topeka or
39 Shawnee County.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy
41 of this Resolution by certified mail to the Shawnee County Commissioners and the director
42 of the Shawnee County Health Agency.

43 PASSED and APPROVED by City Council OCT 12 2004.

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48 ATTEST:
49 Iris E. Walker
50 Iris E. Walker, City Clerk
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CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

James A. McClinton
James A. McClinton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
DATE 10/14/04 BY BBC

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