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

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

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

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

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

PASSED and APPROVED by City Council

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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