

## House Resolution 21

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 16, 2019, as Cervical Cancer Day and January, 2019, as Cervical  
2 Health Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that affects nearly 13,000 American women each  
4 year; and

5 WHEREAS, the rate of cervical cancer is higher in Georgia than the average rate of cervical  
6 cancer in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, cervical cancer most often affects women in the prime of life; and

8 WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease  
9 early when it can be effectively treated; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 15 percent of women in Georgia have not had one of these tests  
11 in the last three years as recommended; and

12 WHEREAS, cancer prevention vaccines are available that, along with screening tests,  
13 provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and

14 WHEREAS, increasing awareness among patients and health care providers alike regarding  
15 the best use of these prevention tools is a key component in safeguarding women's health;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the Georgia Clinic–West End,  
18 Sumter Pediatrics Montezuma, and Clifton Springs Health Center for their outstanding  
19 success in vaccinating individuals to prevent cervical cancer.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body recognize January 16, 2019, as Cervical Cancer Day and January,  
22 2019, as Cervical Health Awareness Month; support all women in taking advantage of the  
23 tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer; and encourage  
24 all parents to consider vaccinating their children against cervical cancer and other cancers.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 public and the press.