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2 SurviveOars.

3 *Whereas, On April 6, 2023, the Indy SurviveOars, Indiana's*
4 *first dragon boat team of breast cancer survivors, will travel to*
5 *New Zealand to participate in the International Breast Cancer*
6 *Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC) Participatory Dragon Boat*
7 *Festival;*

8 *Whereas, They will proudly represent the state of Indiana and*
9 *the United States as they race amongst the best of the best of*
10 *breast cancer survivors dragon boat racing teams from around*
11 *the world;*

12 *Whereas, The IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival is*
13 *held approximately every four years, similar to the Olympics,*
14 *and is under the authority of the IBCPC;*

15 *Whereas, This year's competition at the internationally*
16 *rotating festival will be held in Lake Karapiro, Cambridge,*
17 *New Zealand, at the Mighty River Domain from April 10*
18 *through April 16, 2023, and it is the first time the festival will*
19 *be held in the southern hemisphere;*

20 *Whereas, This year, 81 breast cancer dragon boat teams, 24*
21 *supporter teams, and approximately 2,275 athletes from 30*
22 *countries will come together celebrating sisterhood and*
23 *survivorship;*

24 *Whereas, The Indy SurviveOars will honorably represent the*
25 *state of Indiana as they join other teams from the United States*



1 *and the world in the Pink Parade of Nations prior to the*
2 *opening ceremonies;*

3 *Whereas, The Indy SurviveOars will race in the 200 meter*
4 *and the 500 meter events on Saturday and Sunday of the*
5 *festival;*

6 *Whereas, In 2007, when Lisa Heiden Peters, a registered*
7 *nurse and breast cancer survivor, had a dream of helping other*
8 *survivors live their best lives, she decided to create the Indy*
9 *SurviveOars, making it the first dragon boat team of breast*
10 *cancer survivors formed in the state of Indiana;*

11 *Whereas, She had learned that the physical activity involved*
12 *in the ancient sport of dragon boat racing improved the*
13 *physical and mental condition of survivors;*

14 *Whereas, The Indy SurviveOars team serves as a physical*
15 *support group for those affected by breast cancer, with some*
16 *team members in active treatment for their breast cancer, while*
17 *others are long term survivors, but they all continue to get*
18 *healthy in their participation with the team;*

19 *Whereas, The Indy SurviveOars (INSO) is a 501(c)3*
20 *organization and an all-inclusive support group for breast*
21 *cancer survivors that operates with a board of directors,*
22 *coaching staff, and committees that all volunteer their time and*
23 *talents to fund-raise and help in the shared mission to provide*
24 *long term support to those with a breast cancer diagnosis;*

25 *Whereas, The Indy SurviveOars' mission, through the sport of*
26 *dragon boat racing, is to offer breast cancer survivors hope,*
27 *inspiration, and camaraderie that focuses on health and*
28 *physical activity; and*

29 *Whereas, While INSO has garnered several medals that note*
30 *competitive success on the water, the most important marker of*
31 *success has been the hope, inspiration, and camaraderie*
32 *dragon boating has brought to so many survivors: Therefore,*

33 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
34 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
35 *the Senate concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
2 the Indy SurviveOars and the amazing survivors competing in
3 New Zealand.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
6 Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn for distribution.

