**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF MAY 13‑19, 2012, AS “NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH WEEK” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, National Women’s Health Week was initiated in the new millennium by a group of public and private organizations dedicated to raising awareness of women’s health issues; and

Whereas, since that time, the National Women’s Health Week has occurred in the spring with an annual celebration held the week following Mother’s Day; and

Whereas, National Women’s Health Week is a nationwide initiative that calls attention to the importance of women’s health; and

Whereas, this year the theme for National Women’s Health Week is “It’s Your Time”; and

Whereas, National Women’s Health Week celebrates women taking responsibility for their own health through greater knowledge and understanding; and

Whereas, National Women’s Health Week honors the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women’s health issues; and

Whereas, during the week, families, health organizations, businesses, communities, and individuals come together to raise awareness of women’s health issues and educate women about simple steps they can take for longer, healthier, and happier lives; and

Whereas, National Women’s Health Week is important because it encourages women to take time for their health; and

Whereas, since women are often the caregivers for their families, they sometimes forget to make their own health a priority; and

Whereas, throughout National Women’s Health Week, women are reminded that they, too, need to visit the doctor, make sure their screenings are up to date, and take time to think about their health; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives urge all residents to participate in activities that support women’s health awareness; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives supports all local efforts and initiatives to improve awareness of key women’s issues including the participation of women on May 9, 2012, in National Women’s Checkup Day, a day on which women across the country are urged to visit their health care professional. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize the week of May 13‑19, 2012, as “National Women’s Health Week” in the State of South Carolina.

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