

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council of the City of Parma has determined that Senate Bill 45—Workers' Compensation Reform Bill will negatively impact those citizens who have suffered injuries and diseases as a consequence of their employment, and thus, urging voters to vote "no" on Issue 2 on November 4, 1997.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor George V. Voinovich, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Senator Gary C. Suhadolnik, Senator Patrick A. Sweeney, Senator Judy B. Sheerer, State Representative Ron "Mickey" Mottl, and State Representative Dale Miller.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary as the general election will be held November 4, 1997, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: September 22, 1997, Charles M. Germana, President of council.

Attest: Michael F. Hughes, clerk of council, approved: September 23, 1997.

Filed with the Mayor: September 23, 1997, Gerald M. Boldt, Mayor, City of Parma, Ohio.

I, Michael F. Hughes, Clerk of Council, City of Parma, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 306-97, passed by Parma City Council on the 22nd day of September, 1997.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Throughout this month, the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues has sponsored special orders to urge our colleagues to work with us to increase funding for breast cancer research, treatment, and prevention, and to expand insurance coverage for screening and treatment.

Last year, an estimated 182,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 46,000 died of the disease. One

in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetimes. It continues to represent the most frequent major cancer in women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women.

Despite the increases in funding for breast cancer research and prevention in recent years, we still have few options for prevention and treatment. For this reason, the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. LOWEY] and I have introduced H.R. 1070, The Breast Cancer Research Act of 1997. This bill authorizes \$590 million for breast cancer research at the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 1998, which is an increase of 35 percent. This funding level is recommended by the National Breast Cancer Coalition and the American Cancer Society. The bill has been cosponsored by a bipartisan group of Members.

Many worthy research proposals go unfunded each year, and a greater Federal investment in this research will attract more top scientists to this effort. I urge my colleagues who are speaking tonight and I urge my colleagues in this House to add their names as cosponsors of this important bill.

I am pleased that the House approved the fiscal year 1998 Labor, Health, and Human Services Education Appropriations bill, which has a 6-percent increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health. The Senate has approved an even higher increase of 7.5 percent. I particularly thank the chairman, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. PORTER], for his leadership in working to bolster our Federal investment in biomedical research, including breast cancer research, as well as the members of his subcommittee, including three members of the Women's Caucus, the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. LOWEY], the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI], and the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO].

The National Cancer Institute receives the highest funding increase of all the institutes in the bill. I hope that a final version will be forthcoming very soon. We must also work to better translate new research findings to clinical applications both through a greater focus on clinical research and through technology transfer.

As chair of the Subcommittee on Technology, I have been working to facilitate technology transfer between Government agencies and the private sector. Efforts such as the "missiles to mammograms" project between the Public Health Service, the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, and NASA are critically important in applying new technologies to the fight against breast cancer.

Earlier this year, the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. LOWEY] and I circulated the congressional letter urging the Appropriations National Security Subcommittee to provide \$175 million for the peer-reviewed breast cancer research program at the Department of Defense, a letter cosigned by 170 of our

colleagues, many of whom are here this evening. And while this final conference report fell short of that mark, I wanted to commend Chairman YOUNG for his role in increasing spending for the program to \$135 million in the final version.

The peer-reviewed breast cancer research program has gained a well-deserved reputation for its innovation and efficient use of resources, with over 90 percent of program funds going directly to research grants. We must continue to increase our investment in this important program.

Access to mammography screening is another critical issue. The caucus had a major victory in August, when Congress approved the Balanced Budget Act, which includes annual coverage for mammography screening under Medicare. This has been a longtime caucus priority. And I was pleased to be an original cosponsor of both the Kennelly bill to provide annual coverage, as well as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 15, of subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS], which provided for a number of preventive benefits, including annual mammography screening.

As of last fall, the breast and cervical cancer screening program had provided more than 1.2 million breast and cervical cancer screenings, education and followup services for low-income women across the country. While this program has been successful, we must ensure that efforts to reach disabled and disadvantaged and minority populations are expanded. As an interesting number of mastectomies and lymph node dissections are performed as outpatient surgery, Congress should ensure that women receive hospital care. Breast cancer has been a bipartisan priority within the caucus and for our male colleagues. I look forward to working with all of our Members to increase our commitment to it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. KUCINICH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. KUCINICH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SAXTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina [Mrs. CLAYTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. CLAYTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]