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To provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

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A BILL

To provide for programs to increase the awareness and

knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gynecologic Cancer
5 Education and Awareness Act of 2005” or “Johanna’s
6 Law”.

7 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN PROGRAMS REGARDING GYNECOLOGIC**
8 **CANCERS.**

9 (a) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
11 Human Services (referred to in this section as the
12 “Secretary”) shall carry out a national campaign to
13 increase the awareness and knowledge of women
14 with respect to gynecologic cancers.

15 (2) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—Activities under the
16 national campaign under paragraph (1) shall in-
17 clude—

18 (A) maintaining a supply of written mate-
19 rials that provide information to the public on
20 gynecologic cancers; and

21 (B) distributing the materials to members
22 of the public upon request.

23 (3) PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Ac-
24 tivities under the national campaign under para-

1 graph (1) shall, in accordance with applicable law
2 and regulations, include developing and placing, in
3 telecommunications media, public service announce-
4 ments intended to encourage women to discuss with
5 their physicians their risks of gynecologic cancers.
6 Such announcement shall inform the public on the
7 manner in which the written materials referred to in
8 paragraph (2) can be obtained upon request, and
9 shall call attention to early warning signs and risk
10 factors based on the best available medical informa-
11 tion.

12 (b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING OUT-
13 REACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
15 out a program to make grants to nonprofit private
16 entities for the purpose of testing different outreach
17 and education strategies to increase the awareness
18 and knowledge of women and health care providers
19 with respect to gynecologic cancers, including early
20 warning signs and treatment options. Such strate-
21 gies shall include strategies directed at physicians,
22 nurses, and key health professionals and families.

23 (2) PREFERENCES IN MAKING GRANTS.—In
24 making grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary
25 shall give preference—

1 (A) to applicants with demonstrated exper-
2 tise in gynecologic cancer education or treat-
3 ment or in working with groups of women who
4 are at especially high risk of gynecologic can-
5 cers; and

6 (B) to applicants that, in the demonstra-
7 tion project under the grant, will establish link-
8 ages between physicians, nurses, and key health
9 professionals, hospitals, payers, and State
10 health departments.

11 (3) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be
12 made under paragraph (1) only if an application for
13 the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the ap-
14 plication is in such form, is made in such manner,
15 and contains such agreements, assurances, and in-
16 formation as the Secretary determines to be nec-
17 essary to carry out this subsection.

18 (4) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—In making
19 grants under paragraph (1)—

20 (A) the Secretary shall make grants to not
21 fewer than five applicants, subject to the extent
22 of amounts made available in appropriations
23 Acts; and

24 (B) the Secretary shall ensure that infor-
25 mation provided through demonstration projects

1 under such grants is consistent with the best
2 available medical information.

3 (5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
4 February 1, 2009, the Secretary shall submit to the
5 Congress a report that—

6 (A) summarizes the activities of dem-
7 onstration projects under paragraph (1);

8 (B) evaluates the extent to which the
9 projects were effective in increasing early detec-
10 tion of gynecologic cancers and awareness of
11 risk factors and early warning signs in the pop-
12 ulations to which the projects were directed;
13 and

14 (C) identifies barriers to early detection
15 and appropriate treatment of such cancers.

16 (c) FUNDING.—

17 (1) NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAM-
18 PAIGN.—For the purpose of carrying out subsection
19 (a), there is authorized to be appropriated in the ag-
20 gregate \$15,000,000 for the fiscal years 2006
21 through 2008.

22 (2) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING
23 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES.—

24 (A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
25 TIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out sub-

1 section (b), there is authorized to be appro-
2 priated in the aggregate \$30,000,000 for the
3 fiscal years 2006 through 2008.

4 (B) ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL ASSIST-
5 ANCE, AND EVALUATION.—Of the amounts ap-
6 propriated under subparagraph (A), not more
7 than 9 percent may be expended for the pur-
8 pose of administering subsection (b), providing
9 technical assistance to grantees under such sub-
10 section, and preparing the report under para-
11 graph (5) of such subsection.

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