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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Lead & Consortia Agencies

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean H. Becker".

**From:** Jean Becker, Acting Chief and Program and Policy Section Supervisor

**Date:** January, 2012

**RE:** 2012 Cervical Cancer Proclamation

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Please see the attached 2012 Cervical Cancer Proclamation, stating that January is recognized as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Please use this Proclamation with your local media outlets and for outreach during the month of January.

Also included is a list of cervical cancer resources that may be used by your Agency when necessary. The resources are available for little or no cost.

1. The Gynecologic Cancer Foundation provides free educational materials about cervical cancer resources as well as HPV in PDF format available to print:  
[http://www.wcn.org/materials/edu\\_cervical.html](http://www.wcn.org/materials/edu_cervical.html)
2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides a handout on Cervical Cancer: [http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/pdf/Cervical\\_FS\\_0510.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/pdf/Cervical_FS_0510.pdf)
3. The National Cancer Institute has many print resources available for you to order for a small fee or print for free: <http://www.cancer.gov/>
  - A. Under "Popular Resources" on the left hand side select "NCI Publications"
  - B. Under "Find publications about a type of cancer" select "Cervical"
  - C. Some recommendations are: "Pap Tests for Older Women" and "Pap Tests: A Healthy Habit for You"
4. The Kristen Forbes EVE Foundation was created in honor of Kristen Forbes who was diagnosed with cervical cancer at age 23 and died 11 months later. This foundation along with the Marion County Department of Public Health and the Indiana Fever Basketball Team partnered with Indiana's Cervical Cancer Free Initiative to create this public service announcement to raise awareness for cervical cancer: <http://vimeo.com/26225922>
5. The National Cervical Cancer Coalition has created ready-to-use public service announcements and press releases: <http://www.nccc-online.org/awareness.html>

We encourage you to take advantage of these resources to raise awareness, increase screenings, and reduce the incidence of cervical cancer in your communities.

cc: Shannon R. Lighter, Deputy Director  
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