

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 11, 2017

To declare the month of October 2017 as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, women in the District of Columbia have the highest rate of breast cancer mortality in the nation;

WHEREAS, approximately 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women before the end of 2017 and, of those cases, about 520 will occur in women in the District;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 40,610 women in the United States will die from the disease in 2017 and, of those cases, about 100 will be women in the District;

WHEREAS, approximately 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men before the end of 2017 and, of those cases, about 460 men will die from the disease;

WHEREAS, there are several types of breast cancer—divided into non-invasive and invasive types—which can be diagnosed at different stages of development and can grow at different rates;

WHEREAS, if cancer is detected at an early stage, it can be treated before it spreads to other parts of the body;

WHEREAS, the exact cause of breast cancer is not fully understood, but there are many factors that increase the likelihood of developing it, including age and family medical history;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a 104-year-old, community-based, voluntary health organization, located both nationwide and in the District of Columbia, which is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem;

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WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society established Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 1985 to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia anticipates the day when no woman or man has to be treated for this disease.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Breast Cancer Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors breast cancer patients, survivors, and their families and declares October 2017 as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia to promote research for a cure.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.