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Councilmember Mary M. Cheh

5 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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7 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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9 To recognize the month of October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the District of
10 Columbia.

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

13 WHEREAS, approximately 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
14 diagnosed in women before the end of 2019; of those cases, about 510 will occur in women in
15 the District;

16 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 41,760 women in the
17 United States will die from the disease in 2019; of those cases, about 100 will be women in the
18 District;

19 WHEREAS, approximately 2,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed
20 in men before the end of 2019; of those cases, about 500 men will die from the disease;

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a 106-year-old, community-based,
29 voluntary health organization, located both nationwide and in the District of Columbia, which is
30 dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem;

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

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

36 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
37 resolution may be cited as the "Breast Cancer Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of
38 2019."

39 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors breast cancer patients, survivors,
40 and their families and recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to promote
41 research for a cure.

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