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21 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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23 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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25 To recognize the month of October 2020 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the District
26 of Columbia.

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

29 WHEREAS, approximately 279,100 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
30 diagnosed in women before the end of 2020; of those cases, about 510 will occur in women
31 in the District;

32 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 42,170 women in the
33 United States will die from the disease in 2020; of those cases, about 100 will be women in
34 the District;

35 WHEREAS, approximately 2,620 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed
36 in men before the end of 2020; of those cases, about 520 men will die from the disease;

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

40 WHEREAS, if cancer is detected at an early stage, it can be treated before it spreads to
41 other parts of the body. And, while the exact cause of breast cancer is not fully understood,
42 there are many factors that increase the likelihood of developing it, including age and family
43 medical history;

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

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

50 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia anticipates the day when no woman or man suffers
51 from breast cancer or loses their life to this disease.

52 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
53 resolution may be cited as the “Breast Cancer Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of
54 2020.”

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

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