

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-213

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 28, 2022

To recognize the month of October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the District of Columbia.

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

WHEREAS, nationally approximately 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women before the end of 2022; of those cases, about 620 will occur in women in the District;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 43,250 women in the United States will die from the disease in 2022; of those cases, about 100 will be women in the District;

WHEREAS, approximately 2,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men before the end of 2022; of those cases, about 530 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. And, while the exact cause of breast cancer is not fully understood, there are many factors that increase the likelihood of developing it, including age and family medical history;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a 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 suffers from breast cancer or loses their life to 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 2022.”

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

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.