

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1018

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution commending those working to raise
10 awareness of metastatic cancer and who are supporting
11 research; proclaiming October 13, 2017, Metastatic
12 Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Oklahoma.

13 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death
14 among women under the age of 50 in the United States and the second
15 most common form of cancer among the nation's women; and

16 WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 people, including approximately
17 440 men, will die from breast cancer each year with approximately
18 2600 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in men in each
19 year; and

20 WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer, also known as Stage IV or
21 Advanced Breast Cancer, is the most advanced stage of breast cancer;
22 it is the stage in which cancer has spread beyond the breast to
23 other parts of the body; and 20-30% of people initially diagnosed
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1 with early stage breast cancer will develop metastatic breast
2 cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer can occur 3, 5, 10, or 15
4 years after a person's original breast cancer diagnosis and
5 successful treatment checkups and annual mammograms; and

6 WHEREAS, patients can be diagnosed as Stage IV from the
7 beginning, de novo, meaning the first incidence of breast cancer is
8 Stage IV, which accounts for 3% to 6% of all metastatic breast
9 cancer diagnosis; and

10 WHEREAS, it is estimated there are between 150,000-250,000 men
11 and women living with metastatic breast cancer in the United States;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the median survival after a metastatic breast cancer
14 diagnosis is 3 years, up from 18 months in 1970, some patients may
15 live 10 or more years beyond diagnosis; and

16 WHEREAS, common misperceptions include that patients with
17 metastatic breast cancer did not receive treatment early enough,
18 receive the correct type of treatment, or that patients with
19 advanced stage breast cancer are curable; however in reality breast
20 cancer can spread quickly and inexplicably regardless of treatment
21 or preventative measures and there is no cure for metastatic breast
22 cancer; and

23 WHEREAS, tremendous advancements in breast cancer treatment have
24 been made, there is a crucial need for continued research to assist

1 in the development of more effective treatments for metastatic
2 breast cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, any patients living with metastatic breast cancer
4 continue working, raising families, and living life to the fullest
5 while undergoing treatment for advanced-stage cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, across Oklahoma and around the country, patient
7 advocates, nonprofits, academic institutions, and others are working
8 to increase awareness of the disease and to underscore the
9 importance of continued medical research and highlight the need to
10 provide continued emotional and professional support to metastatic
11 breast cancer patients in the workplace.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends all
15 those who are working to raise awareness of metastatic cancer and
16 who are supporting research to develop more effective treatments of
17 the disease.

18 THAT October 13, 2017, be proclaimed Metastatic Breast Cancer
19 Awareness Day in Oklahoma.

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