
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, LANGERHOLC, BLAKE, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA,
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KEARNEY, MUTH, K. WARD AND COSTA, OCTOBER 22, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 13, 2019, as "Metastatic Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of families across Pennsylvania are
4 affected by metastatic breast cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, There has been tremendous progress on early
6 detection and routine diagnosis of breast cancer over the last
7 30 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer is a later stage of breast
9 cancer that occurs when the cancer spreads beyond the breast to
10 other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver and
11 brain; and

12 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer patients continue to face
13 unique challenges, including the emotional and physical demands
14 of continual treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, Although there is currently no cure for metastatic
16 breast cancer, treatment is continued indefinitely with the goal

1 of extending the best quality of life possible; and

2 WHEREAS, One in eight women in the United States could be
3 diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, approximately 12,070 people are
5 expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, In the United States, it is estimated that more than
7 154,000 women have metastatic breast cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania in 2019, more than 1,900 people are
9 expected to die from breast cancer, nearly all from the
10 metastatic stage of the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Although Caucasian women have the greatest incidence
12 of breast cancer, the mortality rate for African-American women
13 with breast cancer is higher and breast cancer is the leading
14 cause of cancer-related death in Hispanic women; and

15 WHEREAS, Breast cancer research should include everything
16 from screening through treatment and support of those with
17 metastatic breast cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer cuts short the lives of too
19 many people in Pennsylvania and leaves a lasting effect on their
20 families; and

21 WHEREAS, The economic burdens on the patient, family and
22 health care system are large; and

23 WHEREAS, While there have been advancements in the treatment
24 of metastatic breast cancer, many of those advancements have
25 benefited a small subset of patients; and

26 WHEREAS, Though it remains incurable, there is more research
27 to be done on metastatic breast cancer and this Commonwealth
28 continues to support critical research and advanced treatments
29 for metastatic breast cancer; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 13, 2019, as

1 "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.