

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1018

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

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

WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 people, including approximately 440 men, will die from breast cancer each year with approximately 2,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in men in each year; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, tremendous advancements in breast cancer treatment have been made, there is a crucial need for continued research to assist in the development of more effective treatments for metastatic breast cancer; and

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 9th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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