
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, VOGEL, COSTA, SCHWANK, BROOKS, DUSH,
MASTRIANO, ROBINSON, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, YAW AND
SANTARSIERO, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 13, 2023, as "Metastatic Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer
4 among women in the world, and second leading cause of cancer
5 death among women in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, More than one in eight women and one in 833 men in
7 the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their
8 lifetimes; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2023, an estimated 300,590 Americans will be
10 diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer occurs when breast cancer
12 spreads to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs,
13 liver and brain and has an average life expectancy of 24 to 36
14 months; and

15 WHEREAS, Regardless of early detection, approximately 30% of
16 stage 0 to III breast cancers will return as stage IV; and

1 WHEREAS, An estimated 43,700 Americans will die from breast
2 cancer in 2023, equal to 115 women and men per day, with 98% due
3 to metastatic breast cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, The national organization, METAvivor Research and
5 Support, funds critical stage IV metastatic breast cancer
6 research and educates the public about metastatic breast cancer
7 and lack of funding for stage IV treatment; and

8 WHEREAS, METAvivor Research and Support aims to dramatically
9 increase the current percentage of United States breast cancer
10 research dollars from under 5% to 30% for the already
11 metastasized patient; and

12 WHEREAS, The national hashtags for this initiative on social
13 media fall under #METAvivor and #LightUpMBC; and

14 WHEREAS, On October 13 of every year, there is a global
15 #LightUpMBC campaign to illuminate 115 landmarks in the
16 metastatic colors of teal, pink and green throughout the world,
17 which brings awareness to the disease and honors the daily
18 number of 115 lives lost to metastatic breast cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, The day will culminate in a virtual broadcast,
20 #LightUpMBC Live, to commemorate landmarks lighting around the
21 country, share inspiring stories by the metastatic breast cancer
22 community and raise research funds; and

23 WHEREAS, The pink ribbon is well-known for representing the
24 fight against early stage breast cancer and is not inclusive of
25 stage IV; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 13, 2023, as
27 "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be
28 it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the METAvivor #LightUpMBC
30 national campaign.