
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, GREENLEAF, BROOKS, BREWSTER, MARTIN,
SCAVELLO, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, SABATINA,
LANGERHOLC, RAFFERTY, KILLION AND BROWNE, OCTOBER 3, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 13, 2017, 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
17 of extending the best quality of life possible; and

1 WHEREAS, More than one in eight women in the United States
2 will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetime;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, approximately 11,475 people are
5 expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017; 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, approximately 2,000 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, The economic burdens on the patient, family and
19 health care system are large; and

20 WHEREAS, While there have been advancements in the treatment
21 of metastatic breast cancer, many of those advancements have
22 benefited a small subset of patients; and

23 WHEREAS, There is more research to be done on metastatic
24 breast cancer and this Commonwealth continues to support
25 critical research and advanced treatments for metastatic breast
26 cancer; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 13, 2017, as
28 "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.