

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 190

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SYNOPSIS

Recognizes October 13, 2020 as “Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** recognizing October 13, 2020 as
2 “Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day” in New Jersey.
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4 **Whereas,** Metastatic breast cancer occurs when breast cancer
5 spreads to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs,
6 liver and brain. Metastatic breast cancer is incurable and
7 patients with this type of breast cancer have an average life
8 expectancy of 18 to 36 months after diagnosis; and

9 **Whereas,** Approximately thirty percent of stage 0 to stage III breast
10 cancers in remission will recur as stage IV metastatic breast
11 cancer; and

12 **Whereas,** On average, more than one in eight women and one in
13 833 men are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in the United
14 States and over 8,260 women in New Jersey die of metastatic
15 breast cancer every year; and

16 **Whereas,** An estimated 279,100 Americans will be diagnosed with
17 breast cancer and 42,690 Americans will die from metastatic
18 breast cancer this year, equaling to 115 women and men dying of
19 this type of breast cancer every day; and

20 **Whereas,** Metastatic breast cancer affects all races and
21 socioeconomic classes. Breast cancer is the leading cause of
22 cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and

23 **Whereas,** Caucasian women and African-American women
24 experience the greatest incidence of breast cancer but the
25 mortality rate for African-American women diagnosed with
26 breast cancer is about 40 percent higher than the comparable rate
27 for Caucasian women; and

28 **Whereas,** Although African American and Caucasian men
29 diagnosed with breast cancer receive similar treatment, African-
30 American men are more likely to die from breast cancer than
31 Caucasian men; and

32 **Whereas,** Currently, less than five percent of breast cancer research
33 in the United States is focused on extending the lives of the
34 already metastasized patient, yet 98 percent of deaths from breast
35 cancer are metastatic; and

36 **Whereas,** While additional research is needed to understand the
37 effects associated with the emotional and physical demands for
38 continued treatment on patients with metastatic cancer, the
39 ClinicalTrials.gov database provides patients, family members
40 and the public with information about all ongoing clinical
41 research studies; and

42 **Whereas,** On October 13, 2020, National Metastatic Breast Cancer
43 Awareness Day, the State of New Jersey will be participating in
44 the nationwide #LightUPMBC campaign by lighting up
45 significant landmarks in the symbolic metastatic breast cancer
46 colors of teal, green, and pink. Teal represents healing and
47 spirituality, green symbolizes the cycle of life over death, and
48 pink signifies that the cancer originated in the breast; and

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1 **Whereas**, The purpose of National Metastatic Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Day and the #LightUPMBC campaign is to raise
3 public awareness of metastatic breast cancer, and to salute the
4 numerous health and wellness organizations that advocate for
5 critical research of, provide advance treatment for, and make
6 significant contributions in the fight against, metastatic breast
7 cancer; now, therefore,

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
10 *Jersey:*

1. This House hereby recognizes October 13, 2020 as “Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day” in New Jersey in order to raise public awareness of metastatic breast cancer, and to salute the numerous health and wellness organizations that advocate for critical research of, provide advanced treatment for, and make significant contributions in the fight against, metastatic breast cancer.

20 2. The Governor shall issue a proclamation calling upon the
21 public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the day with
22 appropriate activities and programs.

STATEMENT

27 This resolution designates October 13, 2020 as “Metastatic
28 Breast Cancer Awareness Day” in New Jersey in order to raise
29 public awareness of metastatic breast cancer, and to salute the
30 numerous health and wellness organizations that advocate for
31 critical research of, provide advanced treatment for, and make
32 significant contributions in the fight against, metastatic breast
33 cancer.