

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 85

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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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 **A SENATE 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 spreads
5 to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver and
6 brain. Metastatic breast cancer is incurable and patients with this
7 type of breast cancer have an average life expectancy of 18 to 36
8 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 cancer;
11 and
12 **WHEREAS**, On average, more than one in eight women and one in 833
13 men are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in the United States
14 and over 8,260 women in New Jersey die of metastatic breast
15 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 breast
18 cancer this year, equaling to 115 women and men dying of this type
19 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 mortality
25 rate for African-American women diagnosed with breast cancer is
26 about 40 percent higher than the comparable rate for Caucasian
27 women; and
28 **WHEREAS**, Although African American and Caucasian men diagnosed
29 with breast cancer receive similar treatment, African-American men
30 are more likely to die from breast cancer than Caucasian men; and
31 **WHEREAS**, Currently, less than five percent of breast cancer research
32 in the United States is focused on extending the lives of the already
33 metastasized patient, yet 98 percent of deaths from breast cancer are
34 metastatic; and
35 **WHEREAS**, While additional research is needed to understand the
36 effects associated with the emotional and physical demands for
37 continued treatment on patients with metastatic cancer, the
38 ClinicalTrials.gov database provides patients, family members and
39 the public with information about all ongoing clinical research
40 studies; and
41 **WHEREAS**, On October 13, 2020, National Metastatic Breast Cancer
42 Awareness Day, the State of New Jersey will be participating in the
43 nationwide #LightUPMBC campaign by lighting up significant
44 landmarks in the symbolic metastatic breast cancer colors of teal,
45 green, and pink. Teal represents healing and spirituality, green
46 symbolizes the cycle of life over death, and pink signifies that the
47 cancer originated in the breast; and

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