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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on September 24, 2020.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/21/2020)

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
 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
 10 breast cancers in remission will recur as stage IV metastatic
 11 breast 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
 17 with breast cancer and 42,690 Americans will die from
 18 metastatic breast cancer this year, equaling to 115 women and
 19 men dying of 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
 33 research in the United States is focused on extending the lives of
 34 the already metastasized patient, yet 98 percent of deaths from
 35 breast 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 ¹**WHEREAS** The month of October in each year is statutorily
 43 designated as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in the State of
 44 New Jersey; and¹

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted September 24, 2020.

1 **WHEREAS**, On October 13, 2020, National Metastatic Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Day, the State of New Jersey will be participating in
3 the nationwide #LightUPMBC campaign by lighting up
4 significant landmarks in the symbolic metastatic breast cancer
5 colors of teal, green, and pink. Teal represents healing and
6 spirituality, green symbolizes the cycle of life over death, and
7 pink signifies that the cancer originated in the breast; and
8 **WHEREAS**, The purpose of National Metastatic Breast Cancer
9 Awareness Day and the #LightUPMBC campaign is to raise
10 public awareness of metastatic breast cancer, and to salute the
11 numerous health and wellness organizations that advocate for
12 critical research of, provide advance treatment for, and make
13 significant contributions in the fight against, metastatic breast
14 cancer; now, therefore,
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16 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*
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18 1. This House hereby recognizes October 13, 2020 as
19 “Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day” in New Jersey in order
20 to raise public awareness of metastatic breast cancer, and to salute
21 the numerous health and wellness organizations that advocate for
22 critical research of, provide advanced treatment for, and make
23 significant contributions in the fight against, metastatic breast
24 cancer.
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26 2. The Governor shall issue a proclamation calling upon the
27 public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the day with
28 appropriate activities and programs.