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on behalf of all Senators

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 13, 2021 AS "METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, hundreds of families across Delaware are affected by metastatic breast cancer (MBC), a devastating  
2 stage of breast cancer that occurs when cancer spreads to other parts of the body, such as the bones, lungs, liver, and brain;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, every year, 200,000 Americans are newly diagnosed with breast cancers, with 6 to 10 percent  
5 receiving the devastating news that their breast cancer has metastasized; and

6 WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 150,000 and 250,000 individuals are living with MBC at any given time,  
7 with around 30 percent of all breast cancer patients eventually receiving the diagnosis of MBC; and

8 WHEREAS, tremendous progress has been made in the last 30 years related to detection, diagnosis, and treatment  
9 breast cancer in general; in contrast, only 2 to 5 percent of the funds raised for breast cancer research are spent on studies of  
10 metastasis, meaning there has been minimal progress related to the treatment of MBC; and

11 WHEREAS, MBC patients continue to face many unique challenges, including the emotional, physical, and  
12 financial demands of treatment protocols; and

13 WHEREAS, once diagnosed with MBC, a patient can expect to live for 18-24 months with treatment aimed at  
14 extending the best possible quality of life; and

15 WHEREAS, breast cancer awareness must include a spectrum of issues, including the risk factors, screening,  
16 treatment, and supports needed for patients with metastatic breast cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, today MBC remains incurable, but there is hope with additional research efforts underway to address  
18 this disease; and

19 WHEREAS, the recognition of "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day" allows us to reflect on the illness and  
20 its impact on communities throughout Delaware, as well as the need for additional support for those with this illness, and to  
21 raise further awareness about this cause.

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware hereby proclaims  
24 October 13, 2021, as "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in Delaware.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware Senate encourages Delawareans to become more aware of and  
26 informed about metastatic breast cancer.

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes October 13, 2021 as "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in Delaware and encourages awareness among Delawareans.

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