



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, in the United States about 1 in 8 women (about 12%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, an estimated 232,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 62,570 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, about 2,360 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in men in 2014. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 1,000; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer incidence rates in the U.S. began decreasing in the year 2000, after increasing for the previous two decades. They dropped by 7% from 2002 to 2003 alone; and

WHEREAS, about 40,000 women in the U.S. were expected to die in 2014 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989 - with larger decreases in women under 50. These decreases are thought to be result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness; and

WHEREAS, for women in the U.S., breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, white women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women. However, in women under 45, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women. Overall, African - American women are more likely to die of breast cancer. Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American women have a lower risk of developing and dying from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, there were more the 2.8 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.