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### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

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 2015, an estimated 231,840 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 60,290 new cases of non-invasive (in situ ) breast cancer; and  
WHEREAS, about 2,350 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 40,290 women in the United States were expected to die in 2015 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989, with larger decreases in women under the age of 50. These decreases are thought to be result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness; and  
WHEREAS, for women in the United States, 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 2015, there are more the 2.8 million women with a history of breast cancer in the United States. 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.

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