



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS 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 2017, an estimated 252,170 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,410 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, about 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in men in 2017. 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, one theory is that this decrease was partially due to the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) by woman after the results of a large study called the Women's Health Initiative were published in 2002. These results suggested a connection between HRT and increased breast cancer risk; and

WHEREAS, about 40,610 women in the United States were expected to die in 2017 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 2017, there are more the 3.1 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 5.20 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.