



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness and public knowledge of this disease, especially the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 281,550 women and approximately 2,650 men are diagnosed with new cases of invasive breast cancer according to the Susan G. Komen Foundation; and

WHEREAS, at this time there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States which includes women still being treated and those who have completed treatment; and

WHEREAS, for women in the United States, breast cancer death is the second leading cause of cancer death, rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the chance that a woman will die from breast cancer is about 1 in 39 (about 2.6%); and

WHEREAS, as a result of early breast cancer detection through mammogram screenings and increased awareness lead to the death rate decreased from 2013 to 2018 by 1%; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 43,600 women and 530 men will die from breast cancer in 2021; and

WHEREAS, a woman's risk of breast cancer nearly doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, mammography screenings are still important during the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to promote breast cancer screenings and overcome barriers to healthcare access for populations with low screening rate must be at the forefront of our focus; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes breast cancer patients, survivors, and their families; recognizes the courage and strength of the individuals who are battling this terrible disease; and remembers loved ones whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and Members of the Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and recommit to increasing awareness and care for those impacted by breast cancer in Cook County; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.