

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, for nearly four decades, the United States has recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, about 30 percent of early-stage breast cancers eventually metastasize (spread to parts of the body away from the breast), and the day is intended to drive awareness of the need for more research about metastatic disease; and

WHEREAS, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime – one person every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, over 250,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, it is estimated that nearly 44,000 people in the United States will die from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the risk of developing breast cancer increases as a woman grows older; and

WHEREAS, many view breast cancer as a women's disease, although nearly 2,000 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer annually; and

WHEREAS, most breast cancers are detected by the individual themself; and

WHEREAS, early detection can make the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, educating both the public and physicians about the importance of early detection will result in reducing breast cancer mortality; and

WHEREAS, appropriate use of screening mammography, in conjunction with clinical examination and breast self-examination, can result in the detection of many breast cancers early in their development and increase the survival rate to nearly 100 percent; and

WHEREAS, data from controlled trials clearly demonstrate that deaths from breast cancer are significantly reduced in women over the age of 40 by using mammography as a screening tool; and

WHEREAS, many women are reluctant to have screening mammograms for a variety of reasons, such as the cost of testing, lack of information, and/or fear; and

WHEREAS, access to screening mammography is directly related to socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, inequities exist in breast cancer treatments for under-resourced communities across the country, as well as the inequity in treatment between Black and white women; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, Black women are about 40 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than white women; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about the importance of screening mammography will result in the procedure being regularly requested by the patient and recommended by the health care provider; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that more women will use this lifesaving test as it becomes increasingly available and affordable; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer has risen from 78 percent in the 1940s to over 90 percent today; and

WHEREAS, we have made great progress, but we have work yet to be done in destigmatizing breast cancer and ensuring that all receive quality care; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami designates the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, designates the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 10th day of October, 2023.

Alix Desulme
ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

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