

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-141**

**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 thirty percent (30%) of early-stage breast cancers eventually metastasize (spread to parts of the body away from the breast), and this month 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 2024, over 250,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, 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 themselves; 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 one hundred percent (100%); 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 forty percent (40%) 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 seventy-eight percent (78%) in the 1940s to over ninety percent (90%) 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

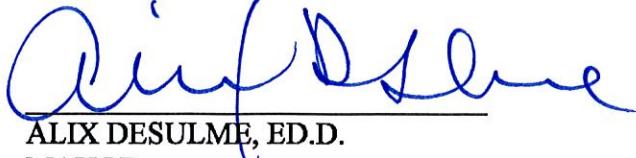
**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami designates the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**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 4 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of October, 2024.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.  
MAYOR

ATTEST :



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR ESTIME-IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Galvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

(Yes)  (No) Absent

Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

(Yes)  (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

(Yes)  (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

(Yes)  (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

(Yes)  (No)