



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution recognizing October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease, as well as the importance of its early detection; and

WHEREAS, the first National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program occurred in October of 1985 as a week-long event; and

WHEREAS, this year in the United States, it is estimated that nearly 300,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 43,000 women will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women and is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women, with about one in eight women in the United States getting breast cancer during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, only five to 10 percent of breast cancers are thought to be hereditary, and most women who get breast cancer do not have a family history of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the median age at the time of breast cancer diagnosis is 62, meaning that half of those who develop breast cancer are 62 or younger when diagnosed. 35% of Hispanic women, 33% of Asian women, 31% of black women, and 24% of white women are diagnosed before the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer screening mammography is recommended beginning at age 45, with the option to begin at age 40; and

WHEREAS, men can also develop breast cancer, with about one out of every 100 breast cancers diagnosed in the United States being found in men; and

WHEREAS, black women have the highest death rate from breast cancer, likely in part due to the higher occurrence of the less-common, triple-negative breast cancer in black women - more than any other racial or ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, in Tennessee, the average annual rate of new female breast cancer cases is 123 per 100,000, and over 6,000 new cases of female breast cancer are estimated for 2023; and

WHEREAS, overall, the breast cancer death rate has declined due to improvements in early detection through increased awareness, screening and treatment; and

WHEREAS, finding cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage gives all patients the greatest chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council increase awareness about women's risk of breast cancer and highlight the importance of early detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.