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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer
3 Awareness Month; and

4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer
5 among women globally and the second leading cause of cancer
6 death among women in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, More than one in eight women and one in 833 men in
8 the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in
9 their lifetimes; and

10 WHEREAS, An estimated 313,510 Americans will be diagnosed
11 with invasive breast cancer in 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer (MBC) occurs when breast
13 cancer spreads to other parts of the body, including the
14 bones, lungs, liver, and brain, and individuals with MBC have
15 an average life expectancy of 24 to 36 months after diagnosis;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Regardless of early detection, approximately 30%
18 of stage 0 to stage III breast cancers will return as stage IV;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, An estimated 42,780 Americans will die from
2 breast cancer in 2024, equal to 117 women and men per day, with
3 98% of deaths being caused by MBC; and

4 WHEREAS, MBC affects all races and socioeconomic classes;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, While white women see slightly higher incidence
7 rates of breast cancer, the mortality rate for Black women
8 with breast cancer is 41% higher than that of white women, and
9 breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for
10 Hispanic women; and

11 WHEREAS, METAvivor Research and Support, a national
12 organization, funds critical stage IV metastatic breast cancer
13 research and educates the public about metastatic breast
14 cancer and the lack of funding for stage IV treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, METAvivor aims to dramatically increase the
16 current percentage of breast cancer research dollars for
17 already metastasized patients from under 5% to 30%; and

18 WHEREAS, The national hashtags for this initiative on
19 social media fall under #METAvivor and #LightUpMBC, with the
20 latter representing a global campaign designed to educate,
21 raise funds, and shine a light on the critical need for stage

1 IV metastatic breast cancer research; and

2 WHEREAS, The #LightUpMBC campaign, held annually on
3 October 13, illuminates 117 landmarks around the world in the
4 metastatic breast cancer colors of teal, pink, and green to
5 bring awareness to the disease and to honor the daily number of
6 117 lives lost to MBC; and

7 WHEREAS, While the pink ribbon is well-known for
8 representing the fight against early stage breast cancer, it
9 is not inclusive of stage IV; therefore, the metastatic breast
10 cancer awareness tricolor ribbon includes teal to portray
11 healing and spirituality, green for the triumph of spring over
12 winter, life over death, renewal, hope, and immortality, and a
13 thin pink overlay to signify that the cancer originated in the
14 breast; and

15 WHEREAS, The #LightUpMBC campaign will culminate in a
16 virtual broadcast, #LightUpMBC Live, to commemorate landmarks
17 lighting up around the world, to share inspiring stories by
18 the metastatic breast cancer community, and to raise research
19 funds; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we declare October 13, 2024 as Metastatic Breast Cancer

1 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we recognize the METAvivor #LightUpMBC
3 national campaign; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we encourage citizens to join the national
5 effort towards awareness of metastatic breast cancer during
6 October through METAvivor; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to METAvivor with our sincere appreciation for their
9 efforts to address breast cancer.