



Legislation Text

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To declare October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Columbus, and to recognize the American Cancer Society - Central Ohio Region for their advocacy and their efforts to raise awareness regarding breast cancer in Central Ohio

WHEREAS, each year more than 200,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common reported cancer by women in the State of Ohio - regardless of race, accounting for 28% of the cancer diagnosed in women; and

WHEREAS, the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age - with approximately 96% of the women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, being age 40 and over; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, ranking just behind lung cancer and bronchus - it should be noted that since 1989 the mortality rates have steadily declined in women - with the largest decrease in cancer rates occurring in young women; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous studies which have shown that early detection saves lives and increases the options for treatment; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a more curable disease than it was 30 years ago due to increased awareness, improved treatment options, as well as improved mammography screenings, which helps detect breast cancer early; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society encourages women to take steps to reduce breast cancer, thus helping them to get well: For women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, the American Cancer Society provides information, emotional support, which guides them through each step of their experience, as well as day-to-day assistance - ultimately helping them to stay well; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Central - Ohio Region is working with an array of community partners who are helping them to advocate regarding the importance of breast cancer awareness during the month of October and beyond, now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and applauds the American Cancer Society - Central Ohio Region for their work at raising awareness regarding breast cancer in Central Ohio.