



Legislation Text

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To declare October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Columbus, and to recognize the Columbus Cancer Clinic for their advocacy and their efforts to raise awareness regarding breast cancer in Columbus and 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 commonly 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 Columbus Cancer Clinic was founded in 1921 by Mrs. Samuel (Carrie Nelson) Black, with the assistance of two physicians, Dr. James Baldwin, and Dr. Andre Crotti as Mrs. Black believed that the control of cancer was a civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The Columbus Cancer Clinic encourages women to take steps to reduce breast cancer, thus helping them to get well: For women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, the Columbus Cancer Clinic 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 Columbus Cancer Clinic is committed to promoting cancer prevention, early detection, year around advocacy for those facing this disease, and partnering with community stakeholders to assure that quality cancer care and services are provided in our community, 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 Columbus Cancer Clinic for their work at raising awareness regarding breast cancer in Columbus and Central Ohio.