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CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

October 16, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Hairston, Taylor, Tabares, Hadden, Dowell, King, Harris, Sadlowski-Garza, Coleman, Rodriguez-Sanchez, Austin, Mitts, Nugent, Smith, Silverstein and City Clerk Valencia, a resolution regarding Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The United States observes National Breast Cancer Awareness Month every year from October 1 through October 31 to recognize the courage and strength of the over three million Americans who are battling this deadly medical condition, those who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and all those whose lives have been affected by it; and

WHEREAS, More than 268,000 women and 2,000 men are expected to be diagnosed with new cases of invasive breast cancer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Women are at a higher risk for breast cancer, especially those with a family history of breast cancer, or those who are older; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer remains the second most common form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death overall among American women, with over 41,000 lives lost each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately one out of every eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime and one case of breast cancer is diagnosed approximately every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, Early detection and regular screening mammograms, followed by timely treatment upon diagnosis, can significantly improve a patient's chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in October of 1985 to promote mammography as the most effective test for the early detection of breast cancer and has since evolved into a collaboration of nonprofit organizations, professional medical associations, and government agencies working together to promote breast cancer awareness; and

WHEREAS, The pink ribbon has become an international symbol of breast cancer awareness and solidarity for people affected by the disease, and several landmark buildings have been illuminated pink during Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer deaths have been declining since 1989, likely due to early detection, better screening, increased awareness, and new treatment options; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been a tremendous success, leading to far more Chicagoans receiving screenings and treatment, and ultimately leading to fewer premature deaths; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixteenth day of October, 2019, do hereby designate the 31-day period beginning on October 1 and ending on October 31 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Chicago, salute all who are involved in the fight to end breast cancer, and encourage all Chicagoans to raise awareness of the symptoms and treatment of this disease, in pursuit of a better, healthier future.

resolution

adopted by The City Council of

"City of Chicago, Illinois"

*J. Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, Alderwomen Pat Dowell, Sophia King, Leslie Hairston, Michelle Harris, Susan Sadlowski-Garza, Stephanie D. Coleman, Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez, Carrie Austin, Emma Mitts, Samantha Nugent,

resented by Michele Smith, Debra Silverstein

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