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1 SENATE 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 in the world 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, In 2023, an estimated 300,590 Americans will be  
11 diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; 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 has an average life  
15 expectancy of 24 to 36 months; and

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

19 WHEREAS, An estimated 43,700 Americans will die from

1 breast cancer in 2023, equal to 115 women and men per day, with  
2 98% due to metastatic breast cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, Metastatic breast cancer affects all races and  
4 socioeconomic classes; and

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, The national hashtags for this initiative on  
18 social media fall under #METAvivor and #LightUpMBC; and

19 WHEREAS, There is a global #LightUpMBC campaign on October  
20 13 every year to illuminate 115 landmarks around the world in

1 the metastatic colors of teal, pink, and green to bring  
2 awareness to the disease and to honor the daily number of 115  
3 lives lost to MBC; and

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

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

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October 13,  
19 2023 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of  
20 Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED That we recognize the METAvivor #LightUpMBC  
22 national campaign; and be it further

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

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