



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Bender, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Whereas, there are more than 3.1 million women in the United States living with a history of invasive breast cancer; and

Whereas, this year 3,820 women in Minnesota are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer and 620 to die from the disease; and

Whereas, breast cancer ranks second as a cause of cancer death in women; and

Whereas, breast cancer screening has been found to reduce breast cancer mortality and when breast cancers are detected at an early stage, survival is 99%; and

Whereas, since 2002, approximately 80% of Minnesota women ages 40+ had received a mammogram in the previous two years; and

Whereas, only 46% of uninsured women in Minnesota received a recent mammogram in 2010; and

Whereas, the uninsured, underinsured and underserved are least likely to get screening for breast cancer, which means they are more likely to be diagnosed at a late stage when chances of survival drop to 24%; and

Whereas, in Minnesota, non-Hispanic white women are at the greatest risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer, but African American women are at the greatest risk of dying of breast cancer; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society recommends annual screening mammography for women age 40 and older and clinical breast exams every three years for women in the 20s and 30s; and

Whereas, no effective breast-cancer screening tool yet exists for women ages 40 or younger; and

Whereas, women ages 15 - 54 die more frequently from breast cancer than any other cancer and African American women under the age of 35 die from breast cancer at three times the rate of white women; and

Whereas, the federal government has invested more than \$1.8 billion in breast cancer research since 2010 leading to the discovery of life-extending drugs; and

Whereas, there is no cure for breast cancer;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That October 2014 is hereby declared to be "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Minneapolis and that October 13, 2014, is hereby declared to be "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the City requests to light the I-35W Memorial Bridge on October 1 in the color pink and the Lowry Avenue Bridge on October 13 in the colors teal, green, and pink in honor of this declaration.

Passed, September 19, 2014

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk