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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the month of October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the highest mortality rate and among the highest incidence rates of breast cancer in the nation;

WHEREAS, nationally approximately 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and men before the end of 2024; of those cases, about 630 will occur in women in the District;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 42,250 women in the United States will die from the disease in 2024; of those cases, about 90 will be women in the District;

WHEREAS, approximately 2,800 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men before the end of 2024; of those cases, about 530 men will die from the disease;

WHEREAS, there are several types of breast cancer—divided into non-invasive and invasive types—which can be diagnosed at different stages of development and can grow at different rates;

WHEREAS, if cancer is detected at an early stage, it can be treated before it spreads to other parts of the body, and while the exact cause of breast cancer is not fully understood, there are many factors that increase the likelihood of developing it, including age and family medical history;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a community-based, voluntary health organization, located both nationwide and in the District of Columbia, which is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem;

46 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society established Breast Cancer Awareness Month
47 in 1985 to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast
48 cancer; and

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50 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia anticipates the day when no woman or man suffers
51 from breast cancer or loses their life to this disease.

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53 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
54 resolution may be cited as the “Breast Cancer Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of
55 2024.”

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57 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors breast cancer patients, survivors,
58 and their families and recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to promote
59 research for a cure.

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61 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.