HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 167

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 13, 2017, AS METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY.

1 2 3	WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer has affected the lives of thousands of families across Hawaii; and
4 5 6 7	WHEREAS, cancer is considered to be metastatic when it spreads beyond its site of origin and affects other organs and systems including the bones, lungs, liver, and brain; and
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	WHEREAS, while public awareness of and attention to early detection and routine diagnosis of breast cancer has caused tremendous progress in effective treatment and increased survival rates over the past 30 years, no cure exists for metastatic breast cancer and those affected by it must bear the burden of continual treatment with the goal of preserving quality of life for as long as possible; and
16 17 18	WHEREAS, approximately 1,140 women in Hawaii were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015; and
19 20 21 22 23	WHEREAS, approximately six percent of newly diagnosed cases of breast cancer are metastatic at the time of diagnosis and approximately 30 percent of cases will become metastatic or recurrent; and
24 25 26 27 28	WHEREAS, although breast cancer occurs across all socioeconomic groups, women of color experience higher rates of mortality despite experiencing lower rates of occurrence than white women; and
29 30 31	WHEREAS, while there have been advances in treatment for metastatic breast cancer, their benefit has so far been contained to only a small subset of specific cancer types



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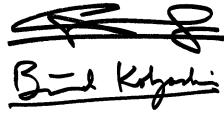
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leaving the majority of patients and their families to bear the 1 enormous burden of treatment costs, family stress, and loss; and 2 3 4 WHEREAS, while metastatic breast cancer remains incurable, 5 there is reason to be hopeful as extensive research is underway and support and resources are available to patients and their 6 families through medical providers, in the community, and 7 8 online; and 9 10 WHEREAS, more research is still needed, particularly on the personal and social burdens of metastatic breast cancer, so that 11 12 new and more effective treatments may be developed; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the State will continue to support policies that make diagnosis, treatment, and support resources accessible to 15 all Hawaii residents; now, therefore, 16 17 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 19 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the Senate concurring, that October 13, 2017, is 20 21 designated as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day; and 22 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health, and the respective Mayors of the City and County of 25 Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui. 26 27 28 29 Alla h OFFERED BY:



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