

Hillsborough County
Board of County Commissioners

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for the second year, October 13 is set aside to acknowledge Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day with appropriate programs and activities, demonstrating a commitment of recognition, support and acceptance to our friends and neighbors living with metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer is the most advanced stage of cancer, known as Stage IV, resulting from cells breaking away from the original or primary tumor to the bones and/or major body organs; and

WHEREAS, 178,480 men and women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009, according to the American Cancer Society, and an estimated 30 percent will develop Stage IV metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for increased public awareness in that there are 155,000 Americans currently living with metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no cure for metastatic breast cancer, recognizing this day emphasizes the urgent need for new, targeted breast cancer treatments that will provide a high quality of life and prolong life expectancy for patients; and

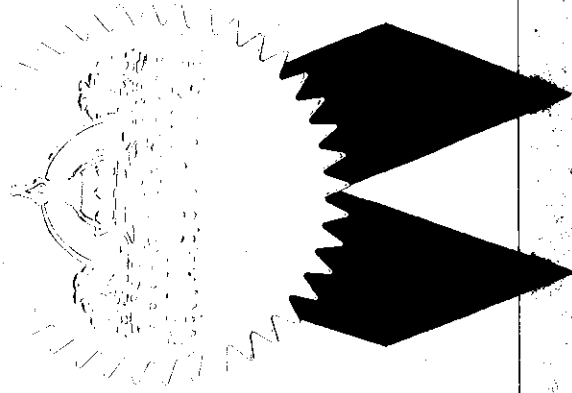
WHEREAS, raising awareness of this largely misunderstood disease will help bring about acceptance, support, and solidarity, and will help advocate for medical advances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County does hereby declare October 13, 2009, as

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day

and urges everyone to do their part and support efforts to raise awareness about this disease, and together, fight for the development of treatments that extend lives, while the search for the cure continues.

Executed this 13th day of October, 2009.



Ken Hagen
Chairman

Mark Sharpe
Vice Chairman

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