



Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Whereas, metastatic breast cancer is Stage IV/ advanced breast cancer that has spread from the original breast site to the bones and/or organs such as the liver, lungs, and brain; and,

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

Whereas, currently, there is no cure for metastatic breast cancer, and the disease can move quickly, or be active sometimes and not others; and,

Whereas, metastatic breast cancer frequently involves one treatment after another (surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, hormonal treatment, targeted therapies), with the goal of extending life as long as possible with the best quality of life possible, resulting in metastatic breast cancer patients living with the constant fear that treatments will stop working and treatment options will be exhausted; and,

Whereas, metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness 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 by making Stage IV cancer a chronic, but not terminal disease; and,

Whereas, The Metastatic Breast Cancer Network is calling for everyone to do their part to further build awareness of this disease.

Therefore, I, Bill White, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim October 13, 2009, as

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day

in Houston, Texas, and call upon the people of the city of Houston to acknowledge this day with appropriate programs and activities to demonstrate a commitment of recognition, support and acceptance to our friends and neighbors living with metastatic breast cancer.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 9th day of October, 2009.

Bill White

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Mayor of the City of Houston