

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

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, there are currently 155,000 Americans living with this disease, and 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, it is important to increase awareness of metastatic breast cancer especially during Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no cure and statistics suggest that most of those with metastatic breast cancer have a life expectancy of two to three years from initial diagnosis and it frequently involves multiple and ongoing surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation, hormonal treatments and targeted therapies; and

WHEREAS, Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day emphasizes the urgent need for new, targeted breast cancer treatments that will help 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, raising awareness of this largely misunderstood disease will help to bring about acceptance, support, and solidarity, will help to advocate for medical advances and educate the public, which will provide metastatic cancer patients with a more supportive and productive environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2009 as

“METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in doing their part in supporting the efforts to raise awareness, fight for the development of treatments and encourage all endeavors to find a cure.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30th day of September, 2009.

P. Iorio

Mayor

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Tampa
Florida