

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1514

A resolution aimed at increasing awareness about cancer in women.

WHEREAS, cancer is a group of diseases characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells, and if left uncontrolled, can result in death; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, approximately 38 out of every 100 women will develop cancer during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, there were 852,630 new cases of cancer in females, and 282,500 estimated cancer deaths in females; and

WHEREAS, the three most common cancers and the three leading causes of cancer death among women are breast cancer, lung cancer and colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women and is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women; and

WHEREAS, there was an estimated 5,510 new cases of female breast cancer in Tennessee in 2017; and

WHEREAS, overall, the breast cancer death rate in females has declined due to improvements in early detection through increased awareness, screening and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, lung and bronchus cancer accounted for 12 percent of female cancer cases and 25 percent of female cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, a woman's odds of getting lung cancer are 1 in 17; and

WHEREAS, colon and rectal cancers account for 8 percent of all cancer cases and 8 percent of female cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, a woman's odds of getting colon or rectal cancer are 1 in 24; and

WHEREAS, finding cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage gives all patients the greatest chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council increase awareness about women's risk of cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the risk of cancer in women and encourages all women to reduce their risk of cancer by maintaining a healthy weight, staying physically active and eating a healthy diet.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government and Davidson County requiring it.

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