

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250884)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing October 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and promoting the importance of early detection and education in Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among women in the United States, accounting for 32% of all newly diagnosed cancers in women each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer during their lifetime. Breast cancer diagnoses continue to rise despite advancements in screening and in treatment; and

WHEREAS, In 2025, an estimated 316,950 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, with 16% of these cases occurring in women under 50; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 42,170 women will die from breast cancer in 2025, underscoring the urgency of ongoing efforts in education, prevention, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Locally, more than 13,000 women in Pennsylvania are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, with an incidence rate of 120 cases per 100,000 women, higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, A 2025 report from the Susan G. Komen Foundation identified Philadelphia as one of the metropolitan areas with the largest disparities in breast cancer mortality rates for Black women. This finding was based on a 2025 CDC study that reported in Philadelphia, Black women are more likely than white women to be diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer, highlighting the importance of regular screenings to catch anomalies, as well as disparities in access to care, quality of treatment, and socioeconomic factors; and

WHEREAS, Late-stage diagnoses continuing to increase in every age group every year emphasizes the need for further education and screening, and the importance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a vital health campaign dedicated to addressing these late-stage diagnoses by raising awareness about breast cancer; and

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WHEREAS, Across the City, patients, survivors, healthcare providers, and advocates will come together this October to host a range of events aimed at fostering community engagement and collective efforts in the quest for a cure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the ninth day of October, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Ahmad for Council President Johnson

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Ahmad, Phillips, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Neill and Squilla