



# Official Proclamation

## City of Hastings, Michigan



### Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day

- Whereas:** thousands of families across Michigan are affected by metastatic breast cancer; and
- Whereas:** much of the talk around breast cancer focuses on early detection and routine diagnosis, where we have seen tremendous progress in the last 30 years; and
- Whereas:** the story for advanced disease is quite different. Metastatic breast cancer patients continue to face many unique challenges, such as emotional and physical demands of continued treatment; and
- Whereas:** in the U.S., it's estimated that over 154,000 women have metastatic breast cancer. This devastating stage of breast cancer occurs when cancer spreads beyond the breast to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver and brain; and
- Whereas:** currently no cure exists for metastatic breast cancer and those with metastatic breast cancer will continue treatment indefinitely with the goal of extending the best quality life possible; and
- Whereas:** more than one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetimes. Specifically in Michigan, it is expected that 8,160 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017. It is estimated that more than 1,410 women in Michigan will die of breast cancer, nearly all due to metastatic breast cancer; and
- Whereas:** metastatic breast cancer cuts short the lives of too many people in Michigan, leaving a lasting effect on their families; and on this day, we ask the citizens of Michigan to become informed and aware of metastatic breast cancer; and
- Whereas:** there is still more research to be done for metastatic breast cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed. Michigan will continue to push for critical research and advanced treatments for metastatic breast cancer. We are honored to participate in observation of Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and to shed light on the devastation metastatic breast cancer brings to communities throughout the State; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, David J. Tossava, Mayor, on behalf of the City of Hastings and the Hastings City Council, do hereby declare October 13, 2017 as "Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Hastings, Michigan, to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

  
David J. Tossava  
Mayor