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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating October 13, 2011, as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, recognizes specific days that bring attention and awareness to important issues that affect the lives of the people living in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate October 13, 2011, as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there is no cure for metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, metastatic breast cancer frequently involves trying one treatment after another with the goal of extending the best quality of life as possible; and

WHEREAS, Scientists and researchers are conducting important research projects to achieve breakthroughs in metastatic breast cancer research; and

WHEREAS, During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, metastatic breast cancer is rarely discussed; however, those living with the disease should never feel isolated or ignored; 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 long life expectancy for patients by making Stage IV cancer a chronic, but not fatal disease; and

WHEREAS, About 155,000 women are living with metastatic breast cancer in the United States and this is projected to rise to 162,000 during 2011; and

WHEREAS, Median survival after diagnosis is three years; sadly, there has been no statistically significant improvement in the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, Despite the decrease in cancer mortality rates since 1990, the actual number of Americans losing their battle with the disease has hovered around 40,000 each year since at least the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of

this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at both the local and State level to support the patients as well as their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate October 13, 2011, as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York State organizations in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.