

RESOLUTION 71-2019
RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING METAVIVORS OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodbury Heights Council hereby recognizes the founding of **METAvivors of NJ**, a Chapter of METAvivor Research and Support, as an active response to stage 4 metastatic breast cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, May 2019 was National Cancer Research Month and May 12-19 was deemed National Women's Health Week as breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States, and the second leading cause of death. Every year, approximately 1 in 8 women or 12% are diagnosed with breast cancer. In 2019, an estimated 268,600 American women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and 62,930 women with pre-invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, 41,760 women will die in the United States in 2019 from stage 4 metastatic breast cancer, equivalent to 115 women a day. They are either among the 3 to 6 percent of women initially diagnosed with "denovo" stage 4, or the 30% who evolve to stage 4 from earlier stages. Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer has no cure. Life expectancy is 18 to 36 months from diagnosis due to the diseased cells spreading to other organs such as the brain, liver, and bones; and

WHEREAS, early detection of this disease is essential and the national METAvivor organization educates the public about metastatic breast cancer and lack of funding for stage 4 treatment. They aim to dramatically increase the current percentage of overall breast cancer research dollars from under 5 percent to 30 percent for the already metastasized patient. The national campaign for this initiative on social media falls under #DontIgnoreStageIV; and

WHEREAS, the METAvivors of NJ Facebook group was founded in April 2019 to centralize metastatic breast cancer information, advocate for New Jerseyans affected by the disease, and empower each other to help find a cure; and

WHEREAS, the pink ribbon is well-known for representing the fight against breast cancer and the metastatic breast cancer awareness ribbon colors also include teal and green. The ribbon is designed to highlight the uniqueness of the disease and show its commonality with other stage 4 cancers. Green represents the triumph of spring over winter, life over death, renewal, hope, and immortality. Teal portrays healing and spirituality. The thin pink overlay signifies that the cancer originated in the breast.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Woodbury Heights Council hereby proclaims that METAvivors of NJ, a chapter of METAvivor Research and Support, launched in April 2019 is hereby recognized for their efforts to promote awareness in the fight against stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Citizens are encouraged to join the national effort towards awareness of metastatic breast cancer during National Women's Health Week and National Cancer Research Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, suitably prepared, be presented as a sincere token of this Borough's commitment to promote public awareness of METAvivors of NJ. Signed and Sealed on June 19, 2019.

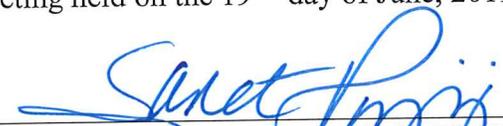
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

BY: 
WILLIAM C. PACKER, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
JANET PIZZI, BOROUGH CLERK

NOTICE

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights at the Regular Meeting held on the 19TH day of June, 2019.


JANET PIZZI, BOROUGH CLERK