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Res. No. 1724

Resolution calling upon the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York to conduct an oversight hearing on the timely availability of mammograms at Health and Hospitals Corporation facilities, and all hospitals offering mammography services throughout the City of New York.

By Council Members Robles, Oddo, Provenzano, Carrion, Clarke, Eisland, Freed, Henry, Linares, Lopez, Malave-Dilan, Michels, Miller, Moskowitz, Nelson, Perkins, Quinn, Warden, White, Reed, Abel, Fiala and Golden; also Council Members Dear, Fisher, Koslowitz, Lasher, Leffler, O'Donovan, Robinson, Rodriguez, Spigner, Wooten, Espada, Boyland and The Public Advocate (Mr. Green)

Whereas, According to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that more than 180,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, and more than 40,000 women will die from this disease each year; and

Whereas, Additionally, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among women ages 15-54, and the second leading cause of cancer death for women ages 55-74; and

Whereas, A new case of breast cancer is diagnosed every three minutes, and a woman dies from breast cancer every 12 minutes, and half of all women diagnosed with breast cancer die from the disease; and

Whereas, Furthermore, one out of eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime, a risk that was one out of 20 in 1960 and one out of 13 in 1970; and

Whereas, Additionally, studies reveal that northeastern states, including New York, have a 16% higher breast cancer mortality rate than the rest of the country; and

Whereas, The American Cancer Society estimates that in New York, 13,700 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 3,100 have died from this disease in 2000; and

Whereas, It has recently been reported that facilities offering mammography services in New York City are experiencing a backlog, causing some patients to wait months for possible life-saving screenings; and

Whereas, Widespread use of regular mammography screenings has been a major contributor to recent improvements in the breast cancer survival rate; and

Whereas, Furthermore, it is estimated that one out of every five breast cancer deaths could have been prevented had the patients received regular mammograms; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York conduct an oversight hearing on the timely availability of mammograms at Health and Hospitals Corporation facilities, and all hospitals offering mammography services throughout the City of New York.

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