

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 414

Approved October 24, 2024

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society established Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 1985 to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, on average, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes and 1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Although male breast cancer is rare, the survival rate is lower than female breast cancer due to a lack of awareness; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer rates for young women are on the rise in recent years, with breast cancer being the leading cause of cancer death in women aged 20 to 49 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Black women have a 4% lower incidence rate of breast cancer than white women in the US, but are 40% more likely to die of all types of breast cancer, which highlights the need for equity in the diagnosis and treatment of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Too many women each year go undiagnosed and untreated for breast cancer due to a lack of high quality, accessible and affordable health care in the United States and abroad; and



WHEREAS, The John Hopkins Medical Center encourages adult women of all ages to perform breast self-exams at least once a month to check for lumps and other changes that might indicate the presence of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence strongly supports efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, who actively engages in public and private efforts to raise breast cancer awareness and supports efforts to bring about equity and accessibility in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer for women and men of all ages, races and backgrounds.

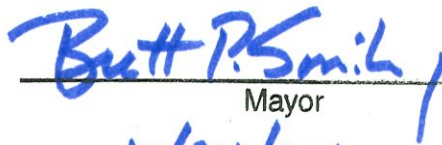
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby recognizes the month of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in perpetuity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to St. Mary's Medical Center in Providence, the Anne C. Pappas Center for Breast Imaging at Rhode Island Hospital and The Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation in Pawtucket, RI.

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 17 2024
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 10/24/24