PROCLAMATION

October Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among women in the U.S. according to the American Cancer Society; and
- WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 8 women in the U.S. (13.1%) will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and 1 in 43 (2.3%) will die from the disease; and
- WHEREAS, in 2024, an estimated 310,720 new invasive breast cancers and 56,500 cases of ductal carcinoma will be diagnosed among women in the U.S. and an additional 2,790 cases will be diagnosed in men; and
- WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer, and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease; and
- WHEREAS, mammography, an "x-ray" of the breast, is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and
- WHEREAS, the breast cancer death rate has dropped by 44% since 1989 because of advances in treatment and earlier detection, resulting in approximately 517,900 averted breast cancer deaths.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Hemant Marathe and the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor the month of October be proclaimed as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Mayor and Township Council encourage all residents to talk with their health care provider about prevention, early detection, and support services.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Perpetuity

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Township of West Windsor this 15th day of October, 2024.

Hemant Marathe, Mayor

Sonia Gawas, Council Member

Daniel Weiss, Council Member

Linda Geevers, Council President

Andrea Mandel, Council Vice President

Martin Whitfield, Council Member