

# Proclamation



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2019

*WHEREAS*, October is *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease and while we have seen an increase in mammography rates and a decline in deaths there is more we can do; and

*WHEREAS*, *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month* remains dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment; and

*WHEREAS*, too many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals even though research indicates it is the best available method of detection to decrease death rates; and

*WHEREAS*, the awareness campaign is sending out several key messages, most notably, the American Cancer Society continues to advise women to get an annual mammogram screening once they reach age 40; and

*WHEREAS*, Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancer, and there is a 1 in 8 chance of developing breast cancer; and

*WHEREAS*, in New Jersey it is estimated that there will be 53,400 newly diagnosed and 15,860 that die from breast cancer in 2019; and

*WHEREAS*, there are many organizations that continue to search for a cure through vital research, they also work with the Office of Cancer Control and Prevention in New Jersey and support the Morris ~ Somerset County Regional Chronic Disease Coalition and its partners to educate our community about the importance of early detection as the best protection and the risks of breast cancer; and

*WHEREAS*, this October marks the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of declaring the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness month in Somerset County.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Somerset does hereby recognize all of the above and declare *October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month* and urge all women and their families to increase their knowledge about breast cancer and join us to celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles.

*Brian D. Levin*

Brian D. Levin, Freeholder Director

*Brian G. Gallagher*

Brian G. Gallagher, Freeholder

*Sara Sooy*

Sara Sooy, Freeholder

*Patricia L. Walsh*

Patricia L. Walsh, Freeholder Deputy Director

*Shanel Y. Robinson*

Shanel Y. Robinson, Freeholder

ATTEST:

*Kathryn Quick*

Kathryn Quick, Deputy Clerk of the Board

September 24, 2019