

Proclamation

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 2021

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with all who have been affected by a diagnosis of breast cancer, and we recognize all who have supported and joined their loved ones in fighting their battle, as well as the researchers, and health care providers whose diligence and hard work gives hope to those living with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer that affects both women and men in the United States, followed only by lung cancer, with 1 in 8 women diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Overall in 2020, over 1.8 million cases of new cancers of all types were diagnosed, and cancer is a disease that, if caught early with screening, certainly has shown improved outcomes, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, both women and men to delay seeking routine cancer screening tests due to the multiplicity of factors, and because of such delays, local physicians have seen more cancers being identified later than they may have been before the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, great strides in breast cancer and other cancer treatments have been made over the last 10 years, with more breakthroughs in treatment every day. However, these treatments are less effective if the patient is not diagnosed early due to a delay in screening for cancer and thus cancer is not diagnosed or diagnosed later than need be; and

WHEREAS, it takes only a simple caring reminder to encourage our loved ones, family, and friends to seek out screening mammograms, which lead to early detection and earlier treatment options, and

WHEREAS, breast cancer screening for women and men is readily available in our many area hospitals and clinics, and for those in need, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program in DuPage County provides **free basic services** for eligible, uninsured women in Illinois, including a clinical breast exam, mammogram, pelvic exam, and pap test; and

WHEREAS, wearing pink or pink ribbons is a helpful reminder to everyone, there is no substitute for reaching out and engaging in dialogue with loved ones, family, and friends about getting their screening mammogram; and

WHEREAS, by educating ourselves and supporting innovative research, we will improve the quality of life for all Americans affected by breast cancer, and one day, defeat this terrible disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Brummel, Mayor of the City of Warrenville, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and urge my fellow citizens to become aware of the fact that breast cancer has an impact on our community that resonates far beyond just the patient with the diagnosis, and that we as a community support the fight against breast cancer, so that one day very soon we can eliminate delayed diagnosis and eradicate this cancer and all others.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of October, 2021



David L. Brummel
Mayor

