

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND OCTOBER 16, 2020 IS NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY; AND

**WHEREAS**, FOR WOMEN IN THE U.S., BREAST CANCER DEATH RATES ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR ANY OTHER CANCER, BESIDES LUNG CANCER; AND

**WHEREAS**, BREAST CANCER IS THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER AMONG AMERICAN WOMEN, BESIDES SKIN CANCER; AND

**WHEREAS**, ABOUT 1 IN 8 U.S. WOMEN (ABOUT 12%) WILL DEVELOP INVASIVE BREAST CANCER OVER THE COURSE OF HER LIFETIME; AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS YEAR, AN ESTIMATED 276,000 AMERICANS WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER, AND MORE THAN 42,000 WILL LIKELY DIE FROM THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THROUGH EARLY DETECTION AND IMPROVED TREATMENTS, TODAY THERE IS A 90 PERCENT FIVE-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE FOR WOMEN DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER; AND

**WHEREAS**, DEATH RATES FROM BREAST CANCER HAVE BEEN DECLINING, AND THESE CHANGES ARE THOUGHT TO BE THE RESULTS OF TREATMENT ADVANCES, EARLIER DETECTION THROUGH SCREENING, AND INCREASED AWARENESS; AND

**WHEREAS**, MAMMOGRAPHY, AN "X-RAY OF THE BREAST", CAN DETECT BREAST CANCER UP TO TWO YEARS BEFORE PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS CAN BE SEEN OR FELT:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** THAT I, MAYOR PASQUALE MENNA, DO HEREBY DECLARE OCTOBER, 2020, AS "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" AND OCTOBER 16, 2020, AS "MAMMOGRAPHY DAY" IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AS WE SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR BATTLE. I ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO HELP PROMOTE AWARENESS OF WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT BREAST CANCER.

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