

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 2022

WHEREAS, This year 341,960 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S.; and more than 43,781 women and men in the U.S. are expected to die from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Health reports that breast cancer remains the most common cancer among women in the state and the second leading cause of cancer death among New Jersey women; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic diverted resources away from cancer research, halted thousands of university research studies, and dramatically reduced philanthropic support for breast cancer research and treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, 79% of patients in active treatment for cancer reported a delay to their health care due to the pandemic; and 46% of cancer patients and survivors reported a change to their financial situation that affected their ability to pay for care; and

WHEREAS, Minority groups bear a disproportionate cancer burden, because of factors such as poverty, being uninsured or underinsured, lack of access to early detection services and high-quality treatment; and

WHEREAS, Half of the women who develop breast cancer are 62 years of age or younger when they are diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Funding for research, public education about symptoms, insurance coverage for diagnostic testing, early detection, and affordable treatment are the keys to fighting breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Pasquale Menna hereby declare the Month of OCTOBER, to be BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH and encourage our community to become educated about the early warning signs and causes of breast cancer and its effective treatment.



A blue ink signature of the Mayor's name.

PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR