



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, while considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer, it remains the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of death among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, and 30% of new women's cancer diagnoses will be for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, 1 out of every 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, an estimated 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S. and 55,720 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, men can also get breast cancer, and an estimated 2,800 men will be diagnosed with it in 2023; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, including women still being treated and those who have completed treatment; and

WHEREAS, as we display pink ribbons, wear pink clothing, and our police department wears pink patches and badges to raise awareness, we also support those in our community that are courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to the disease; and

WHEREAS, this October, we recognize breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families and friends who are a tireless source of love and encouragement, and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals and researchers working to find a cure for this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite all citizens in our community to prevent breast cancer deaths through increased education, early detection, prevention, and regular screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Lake Forest Park do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as

~ BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH ~

in the City of Lake Forest Park and I commend this observance to all citizens and encourage all women and men to learn more about this disease.

Signed this 12th day of October, 2023

Jeff Johnson, Mayor