



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, while considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer, it remains the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women 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 32% 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, over the past decade, breast cancer rates in women have increased 1% annually, with the steepest increase in women under 50; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, an estimated 321,910 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S. and 60,730 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, men can also get breast cancer, and an estimated 2,670 men will be diagnosed with it in 2026; and

WHEREAS, overall deaths have decreased by 44% since 1989 and there are more than four million breast cancer survivors in the United States, including those still being treated and those who have completed treatment; and

WHEREAS, 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 2026 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Signed this 24th day of September 2026

Tom French, Mayor