



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 2023



WHEREAS: Every year too many Americans are touched by the pain and hardship caused by breast cancer – a disease that is not only one of the most common cancers among women, but also the second leading cause of cancer-related death; and

WHEREAS: An estimated number of 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women this year and an estimated 2,800 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Although both women and men can have breast cancer, women are at a significantly higher risk; and

WHEREAS: National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public awareness about the importance of early detection and how prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease; and

WHEREAS: There are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, and 64 percent of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized state in which the 5-year survival rate is 99 percent; and

WHEREAS: Making an appointment for a mammography, an x-ray of the breast, is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** in the Township of Middletown. We encourage our residents to schedule their routine mammography and spread awareness so we can fight this disease together.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this fifth day of October in the year two thousand twenty-three*

Mayor Tony Perry