



# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS,** while considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer, it remains the most common newly diagnosed cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Cancer Institute projects that 1 of every 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. This means by the end of 2020 – close to 300,000 women will have been diagnosed with the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** although it is rare, breast cancer also affects men, and 2,600 men in the United States have been diagnosed with it in 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** the efforts of the Merced City Firefighters, IAFF Local #1479, and other organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to men and women in our community through outreach, education, and screening programs; and
- WHEREAS,** both women and men are encouraged to learn more about how this disease may affect their lives and to take the necessary steps for early detection and prevention; 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 screens, and increased awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout the month of October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and to make a mammogram appointment,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim October 2020 Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and urge all citizens of Merced to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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*Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced*