



# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS,** October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** breast cancer affects one in eight women and thousands of men annually; and
- WHEREAS,** breast cancer is often hereditary, and individuals whose family history puts them at increased risk for breast cancer should discuss with their doctor or qualified health professional the proper prevention and early diagnosis strategies; 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 both women and men in our community through outreach, education, and screening programs, and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having annual mammograms; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today are a testament to courage and the importance of promoting awareness, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines, and providing treatment to those affected; 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, STANLEY P. THURSTON, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim October 2015, as BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the City of Merced and encourage all citizens to talk to their health care providers about regular screening and early detection and encourage participation in breast cancer awareness activities throughout the community.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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*Stanley P. Thurston, Mayor of Merced*