



Proclamation

WHEREAS, breast cancer has the second highest mortality rate in women, and is the second most diagnosed cancer; 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, by the end of December, 2021, there will be an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed, and 49 ,290 cases of non-invasive, for a total of 330,840 new cases; and

WHEREAS, men can also get breast cancer, and an estimated 2,650 men will be diagnosed with it in 2021; and

WHEREAS, as of January, 2021, there were 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Merced City Firefighters and the City of Merced Fire Department support going pink for the month of October to raise awareness about breast cancer,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Merced, State of California, and I commend this observance to all citizens, and encourage all women and men to learn more about how this disease may affect their lives, and to take the necessary steps for early detection and prevention. I ask that during this month, we also recommit ourselves to standing by survivors and their families, and support worthy organizations working tirelessly to find a cure.

Signed this 18th day of October 2021.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced