

Proclamation

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and aims to raise awareness and to educate about breast health and breast cancer, which is a leading cause of death in women in the United States. The month also recognizes the many survivors, those living with metastatic breast cancer, their supporters and loved ones; and honors those lives lost to this disease; and

WHEREAS, in the Pacific Northwest, 1 in 7 women are affected by breast cancer when the national average is 1 in 8 women; and breast cancer also affects 1% of men; only 15% of diagnoses is related to family history; 20-30% of those diagnosed with early disease will experience a recurrence; and

WHEREAS, there are still too many health disparities among underserved communities by income, geography, insurance, race, ethnicity, age and gender who are disproportionately affected by this disease; and

WHEREAS, Pink Lemonade Project, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, is on a mission to educate, empower, and support all communities affected by breast cancer with vital outreach, education, screening, financial assistance, support groups, mentors and books across Oregon and SW Washington; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite the community and spread important messages of early detection, screening and prevention and assistance to women and men before, during and after a diagnosis to increase health equity, reduce the number of new diagnoses, to increase survivorship and to improve everyone's quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be

“Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage all residents to participate in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 2nd day of October, 2023.


ANNE MCENERY-OGLE, MAYOR