

# PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor  
Bridgewater, New Jersey

**WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease; and

**WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** remains dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, too few women utilize mammography at regular intervals even though research indicates it is the best available method of detection to decrease death rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the awareness campaign is sending out several key messages, most notably, the American Cancer Society continues to advise women to get an annual mammogram screening once they reach the age of forty; and

**WHEREAS**, This year, an estimated 276,000 Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 42,000 will likely die from this terrible disease. Thankfully, through early detection and improved treatments, today there is a 90 percent five-year survival rate for women diagnosed with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many organizations that continue to search for a cure through vital research; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations work with the Office of Cancer Control and Prevention in New Jersey as well as support the Morris-Somerset County Regional Chronic Disease Coalition and its partners to educate our community about the importance of early detection, our best protection, and the risks of breast cancer and;

**WHEREAS**, this October marks the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of declaring the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness month in Somerset County; and

**WHEREAS**, pink ribbons will be displayed at the Township Municipal Complex and all Township Parks for the month of October to further spread awareness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Matthew C. Moench, Mayor of the Township of Bridgewater, do hereby recognize all the above and declare **October 2020** as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, and urge all women and their families to increase their knowledge about breast cancer and join in the celebration of the successes in the fight against breast cancer and memorialize the lost battles.



Matthew C. Moench  
Mayor, Township of Bridgewater

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