



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness of this disease that affects both women and men to support research for a cure and is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and prompt treatment; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer of women in the United States, except skin cancers, and is about 30% (or 1 in 3) of all new female cancers each year; and

WHEREAS, 2,700 new cases of breast cancer occur in men each year; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County has a higher age-adjusted death rate compared to the state average per 100,000 population from female breast cancer, Monroe County has a higher percentage of female breast cancer cases at advanced stage when diagnosed and based on the latest available data (2016), Monroe County has a lower percentage of female residents who had a mammogram in the past two years (ages 50-74); and

WHEREAS, early detection is one of the most important strategies for treating breast cancer successfully, and regular screenings are the most reliable way to detect it; and


WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to spread the important message of early detection, screening and prevention to women and men in order to prevent additional diagnoses, or even breast cancer deaths.

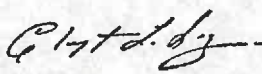
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim October as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States," and I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to be conscious of the benefits of early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 12th day of October, 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor


Clayton Lopez, Commissioner