



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 2016 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, October 21, 2016 is National Mammography Day; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, except for skin cancer;

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer;

WHEREAS, the chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 8;

WHEREAS, an estimated 231,840 new cases of invasive female breast cancer were diagnosed in the past year and about 40,290 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, African American women are more likely to die from breast cancer than women of all other races;

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,350 cases of male breast cancer were diagnosed in 2016 and about 440 men will die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, mammography--an "x-ray" of the breast--is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as

2016 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

and October 21 as **NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY** in the Southernmost City in the Continental United States.

Witness my hand, and seal this 18th day of October, 2016.

Craig Cates, MAYOR