

RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
October 13, 2021

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease. While we have seen an increase in mammography rates, and a decline in deaths, there is more we can do; and

WHEREAS, individuals and communities still benefit from a reminder that breast cancer is not a solved problem – it’s not gone, nor cured, or a condition to ignore; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women, and about 43,600 women will die from breast cancer in the United States in 2021; and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history or other risk factors for the disease; and

WHEREAS, having affordable access to screenings and early detection for all women is an essential component in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with our mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends, and we recognize all who have joined their loved ones in fighting their battle as well as the advocates, researchers, and health care providers whose care and hard work gives hope to those living with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, by educating ourselves and supporting innovative research, we will improve the quality of life for all Americans affected by breast cancer and, one day, defeat this terrible disease; and

WHEREAS, the fight doesn’t end on October 31. Taking the right steps to combat this disease includes screening tests for early detection and prevention, standing by survivors and their families, and supporting worthy organizations that provide quality treatment and care or who are working tirelessly to find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and encourages women to learn about their risk for breast cancer, talk to their health care provider about recommended breast cancer screenings, and be screened with clinical breast exams and mammograms, as appropriate.

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