

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the 31 days in October is aimed at raising awareness using pink ribbon imagery; educating people about breast health; available services and programs; recognizing survivors, their supporters and loved ones; and, honoring women and men who lost their lives to this disease; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite the community and spread important messages of early detection and screening, as well as prevention and assistance to women and men during and after treatment to increase survivorship and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in the Pacific Northwest, one in seven women are affected by breast cancer, while the national average is one in eight women, and is the leading cause of death for women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Pink Lemonade Project, an organization based in Vancouver, Washington, through its Treatment Access Program, provides funding for individuals who need transportation assistance in order to get to cancer treatment appointments. The Pink Lemonade Project has provided more than \$5,000 in aid to breast cancer patients in Marion and Polk Counties so far this year. The Project also partners with Northwest Family Services to assist with a local Latina support group; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim October 2022, as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and urge people to increase their knowledge about breast cancer and drive action to build on the significant advances we have made.

DATED this twenty-sixth day of September 2022.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor