

Resolution No. 2025-3848

A Resolution Recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Oklahoma County

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and second most common cause of cancer death among women in the United States and Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime - one person every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 316,950 women and 2,800 men in America will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, this year, approximately 3,460 women in Oklahoma will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 570 will die from it; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, cancer accounted for 1 of every 5 deaths in Oklahoma, representing the 4th highest cancer death rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, most breast cancers are detected by the individuals themselves, and early detection can make the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, many women are reluctant to have screening mammograms for a variety of reasons, such as the cost of testing, lack of information and/or fear; and

WHEREAS, access to screening mammography is directly related to socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, inequities exist in breast cancer treatment for under-resourced communities across the country and between Black and white women, with Black women facing a 40% higher mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that more women will use this life-saving test as it becomes increasingly available and affordable; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer has risen from 78 percent in the 1940s to over 90 percent today; and

WHEREAS, we have made significant progress, but recognize the ongoing need to destigmatize breast cancer and work towards ensuring that all have access to quality care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners does hereby declare October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Oklahoma County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners stand in solidarity with breast cancer survivors, those still fighting, and those who have lost loved ones.

FURTHERMORE, The Board, expressing solidarity, encourages all County Elected Officials and employees to wear pink on Friday, October 3rd to stand with those affected by the disease.

APPROVED this 1st day of October 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST: _____

MARESSA TREAT, COUNTY CLERK