Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2016

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

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

WHEREAS, for women in the U.S. breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 8 (12%) women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S. along with 61,000 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, about 40,450 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2016 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989. Women under 50 have experienced larger decreases. These decreases are thought to be the result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer in men is rare, but it does happen. Less than 1% of breast cancers occur in men, the lifetime risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer is 1 in 1000; and

WHEREAS, a women's risk of breast cancer approximately doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Less than 15% of women who get breast cancer have a family member diagnosed with it; and

WHEREAS, mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous, and that breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older received mammograms at regular intervals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2016** as **NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and **Friday, October 21, 2016** as **National Mammography Day** in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: September 19, 2016

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR