

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, October 2017 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, October 20, 2017 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 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S. along with 63,410 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, about 40,610 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2017 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. About 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2017, 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 2017 as NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH and Friday, October 20, 2017 as National Mammography Day in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: September 19, 2017

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR