

Proclamation

***Recognizing the month of October 2021 as
Breast Cancer Awareness Month***



WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer that affects women and the second-leading cause of cancer death in women; and

WHEREAS, one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime; although significantly less common, men are also susceptible to developing breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, regular screening is vital in reducing breast cancer mortality and increasing the odds of survival through early detection, making it important to support efforts to increase awareness of screening options and encourage individuals to pursue regular screening; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health manages the Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program, which provides breast, cervical and colon cancer screening for Washington women who meet age, income, and insurance eligibility guidelines, ultimately saving the lives of Washingtonians by assisting women in receiving screening to help in early detection of breast and other cancers; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time for all Washingtonians to recognize breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, and their family members and friends who are a constant source of love and encouragement, and to celebrate the work of medical professionals and researchers striving to find a cure for this deadly disease.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby recognize the month of October 2021 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage residents of Monroe to:

- Honor all those who have lost their lives to breast cancer;
- Recognize the courageous survivors still fighting, and the loved ones who give their unwavering support;
- Review your knowledge of breast cancer;
- Shine a spotlight on its risks and symptoms;
- Raise awareness of how we can help fight it; and
- Recommit ourselves to the work of forging a future free from cancer in all forms.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor