CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

NO. 2026-26
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
October 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard joins our nation in recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States, and is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among women in North Carolina and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer death rates have slowly decreased over time, for an overall decline of 44% since 1989. This is in part due to better screening and early detection efforts, increased awareness, and continually improving treatment options.

WHEREAS, early detection can be an effective tool in combating breast cancer, with regular screenings preventing 15 to 30 percent of all deaths from breast cancer in women over 40; when diagnosed while still confined to the breast, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, on average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 women, or approximately 13% of the female population in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime and although rare, men get breast cancer too; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. an estimated 321,910 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women, and an estimated 2,670 new cases are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2026; and

WHEREAS, in 2026 an estimated 42,140 women and 530 men will die from breast cancer in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard encourages citizens to talk with their health care providers about regular screenings, examinations and mammograms, and to practice self-examination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and Brevard City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 2026,** as **"Breast Cancer Awareness Month"** in the City of Brevard, North Carolina, and call on all citizens to join us in recognizing the many survivors, and honoring those lives lost to this disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and executed the Great Seal of the City of Brevard on this the 5th day of October, 2026.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

CITY OF BREVARD, NC · INDUSTRY · FLOWERS · RECREATION · OPPORTUNITY · ARTS · EDUCATION · BB BEAUTIFUL BREVARD · CORPORATE SEAL