



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023

AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, in the U.S., one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and when breast cancer is detected early, in a localized stage, the five-year survival rate is 98%; as a result, women should work with their medical providers to establish a plan to detect the disease in the early stages, which includes regular mammograms, clinical breast exams, and self-breast exams; and

WHEREAS, health care plans cover preventive services such as breast exams, the Public Health Department's Every Woman Counts program provides support for breast cancer screenings and diagnostic services for low-income women who do not have resources for this important service; and

WHEREAS, in the past fiscal year, Santa Barbara County Every Woman Counts health educators provided 1,350 Tri-County individuals with breast cancer education and referrals to free screenings; in addition, providers whom partnered with Every Woman Counts, conducted free breast cancer screening and diagnostic services for 6,882 Tri-County individuals; and

WHEREAS, in the past fiscal year, Santa Barbara County's Every Woman Counts has provided 124 Tri-County women with patient navigation services from the program's nursing staff to support patient compliance and eliminate barriers to timely screening, completion of diagnostic testing, and facilitating referral for treatment; and

WHEREAS, we are in support of Santa Barbara County's Every Women Counts prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does proclaim the month of October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to promote the health of all residents in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3rd day of October 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monique Poyatos
Clerk of the Board

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