

RESOLUTION NO. 24-209

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, in the United States, 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, the emotional, physical, and financial burdens of breast cancer have significant impacts not only on patients but also on their families, caregivers, and communities, requiring comprehensive support and resources for all those affected; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Breast Cancer Resource Center plays a vital role in providing support services, patient navigation, resources and educational programs to promote patient empowerment in the fight against breast cancer, as do other entities like Ridley-Tree Cancer Center and UCLA Health Cancer Care; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer survivors demonstrate incredible resilience and strength, serving as a source of inspiration for others and showing the importance of advocacy, education, and access to care in overcoming this disease; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month serves as a reminder of the need to address disparities in breast cancer outcomes, particularly among minority communities, where rates of late-stage diagnosis and mortality are disproportionately higher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does proclaim the month of October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month to promote the health of all residents in the County of Santa Barbara and thanks the Santa Barbara Breast Cancer Resource Center for the crucial services and support they provide.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 1st day of October 2024 by a unanimous vote of all members present.