Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION

in honor of

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, breast cancer is an epidemic that will strike one of eight American women in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women, and while the risk increases with age, even younger women can be affected; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 321,910 women and 2,670 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States in 2026 and which effects not only the patient, but their family, employer and friends as well; and

WHEREAS, although breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer death among American women, mortality rates are declining due to better treatment options and early detection through self-breast awareness, routine clinical breast exam and mammography; and

WHEREAS, on the state and county level, breast cancer has been identified as a priority women's health concern; and

WHEREAS, The Independent Physicians Associations, Mad River Community Hospital, Providence St. Joseph and Redwood Memorial Hospitals, Breast and Gyn Health Project, The American Cancer Society and The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Program believe it is in the best interest of all women, men and families in Humboldt County to join together to promote greater awareness about breast cancer, early detection, prevention and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby proclaims **October 2026,** as **BREAST CANCER AWARNESS MONTH** and urges all community members to discuss prevention and early detection measures with their health care provider; these discussions may save lives.

October 06, 2026

Mike Wilson, Chair