



**Proclamation  
by the  
Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County  
Metro Government  
("Louisville Metro Council")**

**To Whom All These Presents Shall Come:**

**WHEREAS**, since 1985, the United States has observed National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to promote early detection of breast cancer by encouraging women to have mammograms.

**WHEREAS**, over the years the number of organizations involved in promoting breast cancer awareness has grown significantly, and is now as much about raising funds for research, education, and support as it is about raising awareness.

**WHEREAS**, the incident rate of breast cancer has continued to decline since 2000, and the number of deaths due to breast cancer have decreased each year since 1989. These decreases are thought to be the result of advancements in treatment, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness.

**WHEREAS**, some of the 2017 statistics regarding the prevalence of breast cancer in the U.S. include the following:

- About 1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer this year;
- An estimated 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be reported this year and 40,610 women are expected to die;
- An estimated 63,410 new cases of non-invasive cancers are expected to be diagnosed in women;
- An estimated 2,470 cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men this year; and
- As of March of this year, there were more than 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S., which includes those currently being treated and those who have completed treatment.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Council wishes to promote breast cancer awareness to educate and promote healthy choices in its citizens in the Louisville Metro area.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Louisville Metro Council hereby proclaims October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Louisville Metro area.

**FURTHER**, the Louisville Metro Council encourages the citizens of the Louisville Metro area to get the facts about mammography, and urges all women 40 years of age and older to get mammograms on a regular basis.

**AND FURTHER**, the Louisville Metro Council calls upon the citizens of the Louisville Metro area to participate in National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by participating in appropriate educational activities, breast cancer screening fairs, fundraisers, breast cancer support groups, and by providing monetary contributions as they may be willing and able to do.

**Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.**

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