



# PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women, with one in eight women born today in the United States developing breast cancer at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, women can survive breast cancer if it is found and treated early; and

WHEREAS, women 20 years of age and older should have their breasts checked once a year by a healthcare professional; and

WHEREAS, women should have their first Pap test by age 21 and every three-to-five years after as long as the results are normal; and

WHEREAS, low-income, uninsured women between the ages of 50 and 64 years old often do not have mammograms or Pap tests because of the cost of the procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County's Breast & Cervical Early Detection Program provides no-cost breast and cervical cancer screening exams, including mammograms, pap smears, pelvic exams, and clinical breast exams to women; and

WHEREAS, during the grant year 2015 – 2016, this program exceeded its goal of providing lifesaving screenings to more than 1,000 women in Pinellas County to allow them to live longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which provides a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that the month of October, 2016, be recognized as

## NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

as we mark the success of the Breast & Cervical Early Detection Program offered by the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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**Charlie Justice**, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Dave Eggers in blue ink.

**Dave Eggers**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Pat Gerard in blue ink.

**Pat Gerard**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Janet C. Long in blue ink.

**Janet C. Long**, Vice Chairman

Handwritten signature of John Morroni in blue ink.

**John Morroni**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Karen Williams Seel in blue ink.

**Karen Williams Seel**, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Kenneth T. Welch in blue ink.

**Kenneth T. Welch**, Commissioner

