

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2025 AS
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, breast cancer remains the most common cancer among women in the United States and one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, in Seminole County, Florida, the age-adjusted incidence rate for female breast cancer (all stages) is approximately 137.5 cases per 100,000 women; and the number of new breast cancer cases in Seminole County averages about 408 per year over recent reporting periods; and

WHEREAS, the Florida state age-adjusted incidence rate for female breast cancer (all stages) is about 126.7 cases per 100,000, reflecting Seminole County's rate for cases of all stages is above the state average; and

WHEREAS, early detection through regular screenings (such as mammograms), clinical breast exams, and awareness of breast health can significantly reduce morbidity and mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County, through its Florida Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, provides free or low-cost screening, diagnostic services, and education to eligible residents, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent access to life-saving care; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous organizations, health care providers, volunteers, and advocates in Seminole County who work tirelessly to support breast cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and those at risk, offering emotional, educational, and financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month serves as an annual reminder of the importance of community education about risk factors, healthy lifestyles, heredity, symptom awareness, and access to advances in treatment; and

WHEREAS, promoting breast cancer awareness, increasing screening and early detection, ensuring equitable access to healthcare services, and supporting research into better treatments are essential to reducing the burden of the disease in Seminole County and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, do hereby proclaim October, 2025, as

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

in Seminole County, Fl

ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2025

**Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners**