



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, every two minutes, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, making this the second most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates by the end of 2017, approximately 18,170 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among Florida women, and about 2,910 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer through research and advocacy in 2009, including an increase in five-year relative survival rates for localized breast cancer from 74 percent to 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, the 3.1 million breast cancer survivors in the United States today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness and continuing funding for research on breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, various organizations have made significant contributions to promoting breast cancer awareness to many Florida communities through outreach, education, and screening programs and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having regular mammograms; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to proper health by following their health care providers' recommendations for screenings and to make mammogram appointments as needed; and


WHEREAS, even though breast cancer is less common in men, about 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among men in 2017 and about 460 men will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, organizations and health practitioners in Florida are encouraged to promote awareness of breast cancer in men and women;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing October 2017 as *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 5th day of October, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor