

**WHEREAS**, October marks the annual observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer to ensure that the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month message is heard by thousands of women, men, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including significant decreases in mortality during the past two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, early detection through screening and increased awareness saves lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 4 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines, and offering treatment to those who are affected; and

**WHEREAS**, 65% of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at a localized stage, in which the 5-year survival rate is 99%; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, the American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery program has been helping people cope with their breast cancer experience.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims October 2023 as

***“BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”***

in the City of Coconut Creek, and urges all residents, employees, and community members to join in this worthwhile cause to celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 12th day of October 2023.**