



*TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
PROCLAMATION BY THE SELECT BOARD*

**WHEREAS:** WHILE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER, IT REMAINS THE MOST FREQUENTLY DIAGNOSED TYPE OF NON-SKIN CANCER AND THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS AMONG WOMEN IN OUR COUNTRY; AND

**WHEREAS:** UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF US KNOW SOMEONE OR HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD BREAST CANCER; AND

**WHEREAS:** THANKS TO EARLIER DETECTION AND BETTER TREATMENTS, MORTALITY RATES FOR BREAST CANCER HAVE STEADILY DECREASED IN THE LAST DECADE; AND

**WHEREAS:** KNOWING WHAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO BREAST CANCER, SYMPTOMS, DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT ARE IMPORTANT PARTS OF ITS PREVENTION; AND

**WHEREAS:** HAVING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO SCREENINGS AND EARLY DETECTION FOR ALL WOMEN IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER; AND

**WHEREAS:** DURING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, WE STAND WITH OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS AND RECOGNIZE ALL WHO HAVE JOINED THEIR LOVED ONES IN FIGHTING THEIR BATTLE AS WELL AS THE ADVOCATES, RESEARCHERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHOSE CARE AND HARD WORK GIVES HOPE TO THOSE LIVING WITH BREAST CANCER; AND

**WHEREAS:** BY EDUCATING OURSELVES AND SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE RESEARCH, WE WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER AND, ONE DAY, DEFEAT THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE.

**NOW THEREFORE:** ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE SELECT BOARD, WE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022 AS

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**