



# PROCLAMATION

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### October 2023

**WHEREAS**, October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and aims to raise awareness and to educate about breast health and breast cancer, which is the leading cause of death in women in the United States. The month also recognizes the many survivors, those living with metastatic breast cancer, their supporters and loved ones; and honors those lost to this disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the Pacific Northwest, 1 in 7 women are affected by breast cancer while the national average is 1 in 8 women; breast cancer also affects 1% of men; only 15% of diagnoses is related to family history; 20-30% of those diagnosed with early disease will experience a recurrence; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are still too many health disparities among underserved communities by income, geography, insurance, race, ethnicity, age and gender who are disproportionately affected by this disease; and,

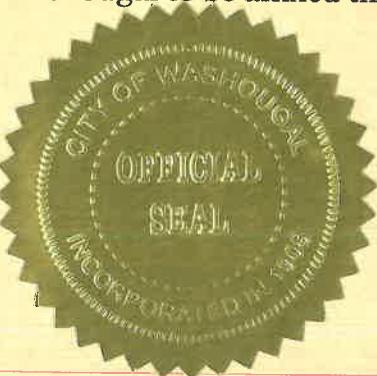
**WHEREAS**, Pink Lemonade Project, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, is on a mission to educate, empower, and support all communities affected by breast cancer with vital outreach, education, screening, financial assistance, support groups, mentors and books across Oregon and SW Washington, and,

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite the community and spread important messages of early detection, screening and prevention and assistance to women and men before, during and after a diagnosis to increase health equity, reduce the number of new diagnoses, to increase survivorship and improve everyone's quality of life;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Washougal City Council does hereby proclaim October as:

**~ Breast Cancer Awareness Month ~**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Washougal to be affixed this **25th** day of **September 2023**.



  
David Stuebe, Mayor  
City of Washougal, Clark County, Washington