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RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October 1, 2025, marked the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which has been observed nationally since 1985 to promote early detection through regular screenings, advanced research, and to raise awareness about breast cancer prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, for 40 years, Breast Cancer Awareness Month has helped raise awareness nationally and has encouraged people to take action leading to increased early detection as well as advancements in treatment that have saved lives; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer can touch anyone's life, regardless of age, gender, and background; and

WHEREAS, in Dane County, the breast cancer incidence rate is approximately 139 cases per 100,000 residents, with only 74% of Dane County residents being up to date on routine mammogram screenings; and

WHEREAS, a public health program that provides cancer prevention resources, the Wisconsin Well Woman Program, has provided the opportunity for Public Health Madison and Dane County to continuously offer breast and cervical cancer screenings for Dane County residents who are low-income and uninsured, ensuring that those most at risk can access critical, life-saving services regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, everyone deserves access to timely, affordable, and high-quality breast cancer screenings since we know prevention and early detection are important to reducing cancer risk and improving health outcomes for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors commits to continue raising awareness about breast cancer prevention practices such as mammograms and screenings, and to advocate for policies that will provide resources and protections for all residents of Dane County.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2025.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk