

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10-206

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND**

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a life-threatening disease characterized by the formation of malignant cells in the breast tissue. These cells can invade surrounding tissues or spread to other parts of the body. Breast cancer affects both women and men, with numerous types that vary in severity and progression; and

WHEREAS, the precise causes of breast cancer are still unknown, leaving many questions unanswered as to why some individuals develop the disease while others do not; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. In 2025, it is estimated that 316,950 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. Breast cancer is a disease that touches many lives, and chances are, you know someone who has been personally affected; and

WHEREAS, knowing the risk factors for breast cancer can help lower the risk of diagnosis; these include genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these efforts is evident, with over 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States today. Since 1989, breast cancer death rates have declined by 43%, largely due to better screening, early detection, and continually improving treatment options. Women who undergo regular screenings have a 26% lower mortality rate compared to those who do not; and

WHEREAS, despite significant advances, an estimated 42,250 women in the U.S. are expected to die from breast cancer in 2024, with a woman being diagnosed every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, invasive cancer diagnosed in women across every racial and ethnic group in Wayne County, Michigan is 120-133 per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have a family history of the disease. Those with a first-degree relative – a mother, sister, or daughter - who has breast cancer are nearly twice as likely to develop the disease; and

WHEREAS, 21% of Michigan residents are without appropriate breast cancer screening; and

WHEREAS, treatment for breast cancer typically involves a combination of five primary options: surgery, radiation, hormone therapy, chemotherapy, and targeted therapies. These treatments can be local, focusing on the area surrounding the tumor, or systemic, addressing the entire body with cancer-fighting agents; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of breast cancer is significant, with costs associated not only with treatment but also with lost productivity and the emotional toll on patients, families, and communities. Access to healthcare and support services is vital for those battling the disease; and

WHEREAS, hope remains; advances in early detection, treatment, and heightened awareness have significantly improved breast cancer survival rates in recent years. When detected early, particularly at localized stages, the 5-year relative survival rate is an encouraging 99%. Awareness of the facts and statistics surrounding breast cancer in the United States is key in empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their health; and

WHEREAS, community support and public awareness campaigns during Breast Cancer Awareness Month play a crucial role in educating the public, encouraging early detection, and providing vital resources for those affected by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, survivors of breast cancer, along with their families and caregivers, exemplify resilience and strength, inspiring others and fostering a sense of hope within the community. Their stories remind us of the importance of continued support, research, and awareness in the fight against breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Westland do hereby recognize the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourage the public to join in the fight against breast cancer by supporting research, participating in awareness campaigns, and fostering a community of hope and resilience.

I CONCUR:

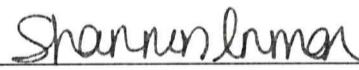


KEVIN COLEMAN
MAYOR, CITY OF WESTLAND
DATED: OCTOBER 6, 2025

AYE Bauman **NAY** None **ABSENT:** None
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Hornbuckle
Rutkowski
Wishart
Sampey
McDermott

CERTIFICATION

I, Shannon Inman, Clerk for the City of Westland, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council for the City of Westland at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of October, 2025, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been available as required by said Act.



SHANNON INMAN, CITY CLERK