

Proclamation

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 2016

WHEREAS, October 2016 is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, October 21, 2016 is National Mammography Day; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide, and breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women; and

WHEREAS, the chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 8; and

WHEREAS, over 246,660 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,600 men in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 440 will die each year; and

WHEREAS over 2.8 million breast cancer survivors are alive in the United States today; and

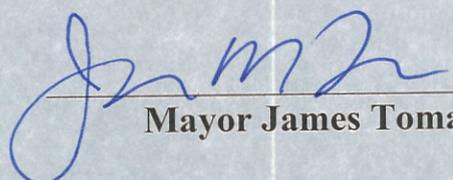
WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990, in part due to better screening and early detection, increased awareness, and continually improving treatment options; and

WHEREAS, mammography, an "x-ray" of the breast, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Toma, Mayor of the City of West Covina, California, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016, as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of West Covina.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2016





Mayor James Toma