

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2000 AS BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, breast cancer has been identified as a critical woman's health issue because it afflicts an estimated 6,700 new women each year and kills approximately 1,500 women in Michigan alone; and

WHEREAS, because early detection could have spared as many as one-third of these lives, and because all women are at risk of dying from breast cancer, it is of utmost importance that all women receive regular breast cancer screening; and

WHEREAS, Michigan leads the nation in the quality of its mammography programs, which are responsible for the significant increase reflected in Michigan's cancer registry of small, early-stage breast cancers, the stage when cancers are most curable; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of breast cancer continues to grow due to the coordinated efforts of a great many organizations -- both public and private -- including locally, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (also known as Title XV) of the Washtenaw, Livingston and Ingham County Public Health Departments in collaboration with the American Cancer Society, local medical care providers, and countless other private and non-profit businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Michigan public health agencies, physicians, and hospitals statewide have cooperated to offer breast cancer screening and follow-up services for low income women aged 40 and older and, as a result, have screened more than 59,500 of these women, diagnosing and treating more than 700 breast cancers since 1991, and

WHEREAS, women can get information about resources and referrals through the Washtenaw County Health Services ACCESS phone line at 481-2502 or 1-800-440-7548

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Washtenaw County and urges all citizens to make sure that the women they care about seek regular breast cancer screenings.