

## Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation

Information may be used for any WV city, town, county, or organization for breast cancer awareness proclamation.

**Whereas**, In West Virginia, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women and the second most common cause of cancer-related death; and

**Whereas**, a woman has one in eight chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime; and

**Whereas**, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) provides recommendations for women aged 40-74, who are at average risk to have biennial screening mammograms; and

**Whereas**, screening guidelines for breast cancer vary, women are encouraged to talk with their healthcare provider about risk factors and the most appropriate screening schedule; and

**Whereas**, the best method to reduce deaths due to breast cancer is through early detection of the disease; and

**Whereas**, screening and early detection of breast cancer are vital to the health and well being of WV women; and

**Whereas**, the West Virginia Department of Health, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program works to raise awareness of the importance of early detection and resources available for West Virginia women.