



*Township of Millstone  
Office of the Mayor*

# *Proclamation*

## **NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, for more than 28 years, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been a time to reaffirm our commitment to fighting breast cancer and to remind ourselves of the importance of prevention and early detection; and*

*WHEREAS, Breast Cancer remains one of the most frequently diagnosed cancers among American women and despite remarkable advances in treatment and prevention, it remains the second leading cause of cancer death. This year alone, it is estimated that more than 268,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 64,000 new cases of non-invasive breast cancers. About 2,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2019 and about 41,000 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2019 from breast cancer, and;*

*WHEREAS, regular mammography screening can help lower breast cancer mortality by finding breast cancer early, when the chance of successful treatment is best; and*

*WHEREAS, if 90 percent of women 40 and older received breast cancer screening, 3,700 lives would be saved each year. Costs, even moderate co-pays, deter many patients from receiving these important screenings. Under the Affordable Care Act, women's preventive health care – such as mammograms and screenings for cervical cancer – is covered with no co-pays or other out-of-pocket costs; and*

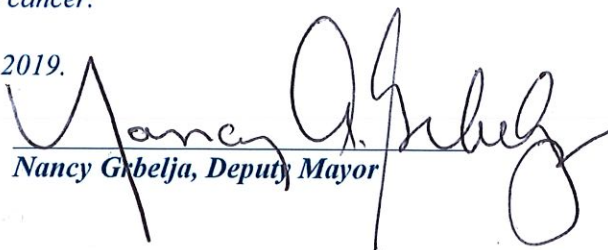
*WHEREAS, in addition to regular mammography screening, there are steps that women can take that may help reduce their risk of developing breast cancer. Women should talk with their doctor about their personal risk for breast cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act is also helping women who are going or have gone through costly breast cancer treatment. Beginning in 2014, it's illegal for insurance companies to discriminate against anyone with a pre-existing condition.*

*WHEREAS, these changes are making real differences in the lives of American women and families. Prevention, coupled with continued research, will help save more lives and improve the quality of life for all of us touched by breast cancer.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Grbelja, Deputy Mayor of the Township of Millstone, join leaders around the country in recognizing the Month of October 2019 as **NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and declaring it to be so in Millstone Township, and urge all women and their families to get the facts about mammography and breast cancer.*

*Proclaimed, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2019.*

  
Nancy Grbelja, Deputy Mayor