



**PROCLAMATION
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Whereas, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month; and

Whereas, an estimate of 240,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and about 2,100 in men. About 42,000 women and 500 men in the U.S. die each year from breast cancer; and

Whereas, breast cancer is often hereditary and individuals whose family history puts them at increased risk for breast cancer should discuss with their doctor or qualified health professional the proper prevention and early diagnosis strategies; and

Whereas, since the early 1990's, the pink ribbon, handed out by Susan G. Komen Foundation has been the symbol for the fight against breast cancer; and

Whereas, October is the opportunity to increase awareness of the disease and to encourage individuals to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages; and

Whereas, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, and this change is believed to be the result of early detection through screening, increased awareness, and improved treatment; and

Whereas, it is vital that those affected by breast cancer have access to quality, affordable care, and that research of all forms of breast cancer continues to be vigorously supported.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Avondale and encourage all residents to support efforts to increase awareness and early detection to lessen the adverse effects this disease has on families.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk