

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Each October, communities across the nation unite in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month to honor survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and recommit ourselves to supporting research, education, and equitable access to care; *and*

WHEREAS, Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers among women in the United States, with more than 300,000 people expected to receive a new diagnosis this year alone; *and*

WHEREAS, Advances in screening, early detection, and treatment have improved survival rates, yet disparities persist, Black women in the United States have a 40 % higher mortality rate, a disparity that is especially pronounced among younger women, despite similar rates of diagnosis; *and*

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month reminds us that early detection saves lives, and encourages residents to schedule annual mammograms, self-examinations, and preventive checkups, especially among women over 40 or those with a family history of the disease; *and*

WHEREAS, This month also calls upon us to uplift the stories of survivors, women and men alike, whose courage, resilience, and advocacy have transformed awareness into action and compassion into community strength; *and*

WHEREAS, The pink ribbon, now a globally recognized symbol, stands not only for awareness but for hope, hope for continued progress in research, equity in healthcare, and a future where no life is cut short by breast cancer; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council does hereby recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Boston, honors those we have lost, celebrates the survivors who continue to inspire us, and urges all residents to take proactive steps toward prevention, early detection, and support for those impacted by this disease.