



*CITY OF SEBASTOPOL*  
*Proclamation*

*Proclamation Proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month*

**WHEREAS**, every October, communities across the country come together to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness, honor the millions of lives affected by breast cancer, and reaffirm our commitment to equitable access to care and improved survival for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also an opportunity to highlight the fact that one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime—approximately one person every two minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, October 13 is nationally recognized in the U.S. as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. It is estimated that about 168,000 women in the U.S. are living with metastatic breast cancer, a form of cancer that spreads beyond the breast to other parts of the body; and

**WHEREAS**, although breast cancer is more common in women, it also affects men. In 2021, President Joe Biden designated October 17 through October 23 as Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 2,800 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2025, and about 510 are expected to die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme is *Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters*. Every breast cancer diagnosis is personal. Behind each diagnosis is a story of courage, resilience, and hope. This theme reminds us that breast cancer touches the lives of women, men, and their families differently, and that every journey deserves compassion, dignity, and support. It reinforces the need for timely, quality, and compassionate care for all, regardless of geography, income, or background; and

**WHEREAS**, no matter who you are or where you live, breast cancer may touch your life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Stephen Zollman, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2025 in the City of Sebastopol as

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

and encourage everyone in our community to offer compassion and support to those affected by this disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Stephen Zollman, Mayor

For Council Packet