

PROCLAMATION

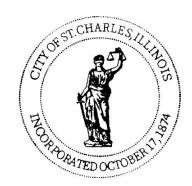
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS, during **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, we raise awareness of this lifethreatening disease, encourage early detection and support research to find a cure; and
- WHEREAS, breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women, and both men and women should be aware that age, genetics, and family history are factors that can contribute to the risk of developing this disease; and
- WHEREAS, individuals may help reduce their risk of breast cancer through regular selfexams, clinical breast exams, and mammograms, which are vital since treatments are most effective when breast cancer is detected early; and
- WHEREAS, we join the celebration of survivorship; we honor those who have dedicated their lives to research, education, and treatments; and we acknowledge those women and men who have lost their courageous battle with breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS, we renew our support for increased access to screenings and care; and we promote the innovative research that will usher in a new era in the fight against breast cancer.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Lora Vitek Mayor of St. Charles, Illinois, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2023 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of St. Charles, Illinois, and encourage our citizens, businesses, educators, and volunteers to support activities and programs that will increase breast cancer awareness. Although there is no cure for this disease, there is HOPE!



Lora A. Vitek, Mayor

