



Meeting Date: September 19, 2024

Submitted By: Dr. Paula Johnson
Title: Assistant Superintendent

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the Proclamation to recognize October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

In 1985, October was designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to raise awareness about this major public health concern. Breast cancer is the most prevalent cancer among women in the United States and other countries (American Public Health Association, 2015). Organizations like the National Breast Cancer Foundation, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and Susan G. Komen help spread education and preventative strategies to raise the awareness of breast cancer in our communities.

In 2024, breast cancer is estimated to be the most common cancer diagnosis in women in the United States. Recent statistics:

- * An estimated 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 56,500 new cases of non-invasive ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) in women.
- * Over 42,250 women have lost their battle with cancer.
- * There are more than 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

The purpose of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to collectively show support of everyone in the Judson ISD community who is impacted by this disease. This month-long recognition will be devoted to educating our students, staff, and families about breast cancer and the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval



Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Judson ISD Board of Trustees

WHEREAS: Each year, hundreds of thousands of Americans are diagnosed with breast cancer and tens of thousands lose their battle with the disease. Screening and early detection are essential as breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women; and

WHEREAS: Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual health campaign waged each October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure; and

WHEREAS: The National Cancer Institute recommends women have mammograms once per year starting at 40. Adult women of all ages are encouraged to perform breast self-exams once per month as nearly forty percent of diagnosed breast cancers are detected by women who feel a lump; and

WHEREAS: During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with everyone effected by the disease and recognize the ongoing efforts of the advocates, researchers, and health care providers whose care and hard work gives hope to those living with breast cancer.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Suzanne Kenoyer, as by virtue of the authority vested in me as School Board President of the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Judson Independent School District, and encourage our community to join in activities that will increase awareness of what individuals can do to prevent and control breast cancer, and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives to this disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Judson Independent School District to be affixed the 19th day of September, the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Suzanne Kenoyer, Board President

Laura Stanford, Secretary

