

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2024 AS  
NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of The Novato Fire Protection District expresses their support in designating October 2024 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month remains dedicated to increasing public awareness about the importance of early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, there remains much to be accomplished; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer is one of the deadliest diseases, we need to come together to fight and more of us need to step up and lead the way.

**WHEREAS**, Marin County has one of the highest incidence rates for breast cancer in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Novato Fire District have been diagnosed with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, taking advantage of early detection methods such as mammography and clinical exams could help the breast cancer death rate decline; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Cancer Institute estimates in the United States in 2024, 310,720, new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the U.S., and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, which is one person every 12 minutes in the U.S. and,

**WHEREAS**, The two greatest risk factors of breast cancer are being female and getting older, and,

**WHEREAS**, In 2024, it is estimated that 42,250 women and 530 men in the U.S. will die from breast cancer, and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society searches tirelessly for a cure through vital research, and has the mammoth task of educating our community and all Americans about the risks of breast cancer and the National Breast Cancer Foundation's mission is to save lives by increasing awareness of breast cancer through education, providing diagnostic services for those in need, and providing nurturing and support; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters normally wear blue 365 days a year, but for a designated week in October, they will wear pink giving an image of hope and encouragement to those who fear being alone during their battle for life. Therefore, firefighters and staff will don pink showing men and women that we stand in support during treatment and in finding a cure;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of The Novato Fire Protection District

1. Designates October 2024 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and
2. Encourages all people of the United States to become more informed and aware of breast cancer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors, Novato Fire Protection District, on the 2nd day of October 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes: *Davis, Goines, Hadfield, Silverman*

Noes: *NA*

Absent: *Francisco*

Abstain: *NA*

  
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Lj Silverman, President, Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Jennifer Crayne, Clerk of the Board