

PROCLAMATION

West Virginia Breast Cancer Awareness Day and Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In 2022, an estimated **1,470** West Virginia women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately **290** women will die from the disease. Breast cancer continues to be a leading cause of cancer related deaths among WV women. A woman has about a 1 in 8 (13%) chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime and about a 1 in 39 (3%) chance of dying from the disease.

Currently, the best method to reduce deaths due to breast cancer is through early detection of the disease. Women age 50 and older should have a mammogram every year. Women ages 40-49 should talk with their health care provider about their screening schedule.

Mammograms can save lives. Women should talk to their health care provider about their individual screening schedule.

In recognition of the important lifesaving early detection practices available for breast cancer, I Susie Cvechko of Barbow Co. Commission do hereby proclaim Oct. 3, 2022, as West Virginia Breast Cancer Awareness Day and October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I urge all Barbow County women to become aware that they are at risk for developing breast cancer and to discuss screening with their health care providers.

Susie Cvechko, President