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Summit County Declares October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

On October 15, 2018, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council passed a resolution declaring the month of October 2018 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual international health campaign sponsored by various major cancer charities. The campaign is intended to increase awareness about the disease and raise funds for research into cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.

Breast cancer is a widespread and random disease that affects women and men of all ages and races. The American Cancer Society estimates that nearly 11,000 Ohioans will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018. According to Susan G. Komen, thanks to heightened awareness, early detection, and improved treatment methods, those diagnosed with breast cancer now have a greater chance of survival than ever before.

Executive Shapiro also designated Friday, October 26, 2018, as Summit County's Wear Pink Day. She has asked County employees to wear pink and donate blankets, hats, and scarves. The collected items will be donated to the American Cancer Society to be used by local cancer patients.

"I am proud to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the American Cancer Society," said Executive Shapiro. "We know that awareness does make a difference. The more we talk about prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment, the more lives we will save."

District 8 County Councilmember Paula Prentice, Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, said, "The work the American Cancer Society and other charities who support and promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month is invaluable. Summit County is proud to be a part of this life-saving campaign."

For more information, visit <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer.htm>.

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