

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that strikes over 13,820 American women each year; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer most often affects women in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease early when it can be effectively treated; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities lacking access to health care and proven life-saving tools; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer vaccines are available that—together with screening tests—provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness among patients and healthcare providers alike regarding the best use of these prevention tools is a key component is safe-guarding women's health;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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do hereby proclaim January as Cervical Health Awareness Month and encourage all our citizens to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable, and to encourage and support the women in our lives in taking charge of their health and availing themselves of the tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer. We have the means to prevent this disease; it is incumbent on all of us to ensure we have the will to do so.