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Supervisor Robert Rickman Raises Awareness of Breast Cancer

STOCKTON – At the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2026, **Supervisor Robert Rickman brought forward a Proclamation recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, which was **accepted by Director of Public Health Services Renee Sunseri**. The Proclamation underscores the County’s continued commitment to raising awareness, promoting early detection, and supporting those impacted by breast cancer throughout our community.

Public Health Services Director Renee Sunseri urged the public to be proactive about their health and take control of their well-being through prevention. She noted that incidents of breast cancer in San Joaquin County are lower than the state rate, but the mortality rate is higher, and this discrepancy highlights the importance of early detection and access to preventative care. She emphasized the significance of regular breast exams, mammograms, and preventative check-ups. Mammograms are covered by insurance, Medi-Cal, and are available free of charge starting at age 40. She further encouraged the public to take advantage of these resources and reminded everyone that this disease affects both females and males alike.

Supervisor Rickman noted the importance of this awareness exercise as his family and close friends have endured battles with breast cancer as he acknowledged many across our county have. “Breast cancer has touched my family and close friends, so raising awareness is personal to me. I bring this proclamation forward each year hoping to reach even one person and encourage them to make their health a priority. Early detection can save lives. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we honor survivors, support those facing this disease, and remember the loved ones we have lost,” Supervisor Rickman stated.

Learn more about Supervisor Rickman at <https://www.sjgov.org/departments/bos/districts/district-5>.

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“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles), the character of an honest man.”
- George Washington -