



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated January as Cervical Health Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 13,960 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed and about 4,310 women will die from cervical cancer in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, all women are at risk for cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is most often diagnosed between the ages of 35 and 44, the average age of diagnosis is 50, and 20% of cervical cancers are diagnosed after age 65; and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests combined with cervical cancer vaccines are highly effective in detecting and preventing the disease; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about cervical cancer, HPV infection, and the importance of early detection, as well as educating both the community and healthcare providers about prevention tools, including HPV screenings, HPV vaccinations, and annual female health exams, is vital to safeguarding women's health and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, we have the tools to prevent this disease and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that we also have the will to do so.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of council and the residents of New Albany, recognize January as **CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**, and encourage all citizens to recognize that cervical cancer is a preventable disease and to support the women in their lives by spreading awareness and promoting the use of HPV screenings and vaccines.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 17th day of December, 2024.

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Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

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