



PROCLAMATION

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY 2021

WHEREAS, January is nationally recognized as Cervical Cancer Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, effective primary (HPV vaccination) and secondary prevention approaches (screening for and treating abnormal findings) will prevent virtually all cervical cancer cases; and

WHEREAS, not all adolescents received the recommended doses of HPV vaccination and not all women are receiving cervical cancer screening or treatment based on current clinical guidelines, particularly among women in minority, rural, and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center's 15-county catchment area, which includes Sumter County, has higher cervical cancer incidence rates and lower screening rates than both the State of Florida and the United States, and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center supports the World Health Organization (WHO) goal to eliminate cervical cancer and other HPV-related cancers globally, and is a committed leader in efforts to eliminate cervical cancer in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Sumter County is similarly committed to the elimination of cervical cancer and other HPV-related cancers and supports efforts to educate its citizens and promote access to the prevention, screening, and treatment necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby proclaims:

The Month of JANUARY 2021, as:

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 12th day of January 2021, Sumter County, Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY**

**Caroline Alrestimawi
Deputy Clerk**

**Garry Breeden
Chairman**