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## Senator Helming Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month Working with Local Agencies to Provide Free Screening

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Senator Pam Helming is working with Rochester Regional Health, Cayuga, Cortland and Tompkins Counties Cancer Services Program and Cancer Services Program of the Finger Lakes to bring mobile breast cancer screen testing to our local communities. The dates and locations for these events are below:

Wayne County: Ontario Public Library 1850 Ridge Road, Ontario, NY 14519 Wednesday, October 9th 12:00PM - 6:00PM

Seneca County: Seneca Falls Health Center, an Affiliate of New York Chiropractic College 2360 NY-89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148, USA Monday, October 28th 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Cayuga County: Family Health Network 23 Central Street, Moravia, NY 13118, USA Tuesday, October 29th 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Pre-registration is required and insurance is not required. Call 585-922-7465 to register.

"During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, we remember those we have lost to breast cancer and pay tribute to the survivors who continue the fight against this horrible disease. As State Senator, I am proud to work with Rochester Regional Health. Cayuga, Cortland and Tompkins Counties Cancer Services Program and Cancer Services Program of the Finger Lakes to bring screenings to underserved communities and give women the opportunity to take control of their health. I encourage all women to speak with their doctors and take advantage of opportunities to get screened. We must continue to work together to raise awareness on women's issues year round and educate our community," Senator Helming said.

Please note, insurance will be accepted for these screenings and those without insurance will receive free screenings. However, pre-registration is required. Please call 585-922-PINK(7465) to schedule an appointment or for more information, please visit www.rochesterregional.org/pink

For more information about free cancer screenings, please visit: https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/services/ or call 1-866-442-CANCER (2262)

"All women 50 and older should get screened for breast cancer," said Michele Tufano, program manager of the Cancer Services Program. "Regular mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it may be easier to treat."

Senator Helming was recently honored by the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) with their Advocate Spirit Award in recognition of her aggressive efforts to support those suffering with breast cancer and their families. She has worked with the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester to provide critical state funding for screening, prevention efforts, and support for those suffering and their caregivers.

Senator Helming represents the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which consists of Seneca and Wayne Counties, parts of Cayuga and Ontario Counties, and the towns of Lansing and Webster. For more information, please visit Senator Helming's <u>website</u>, or follow @SenatorHelming on Facebook or Twitter.

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