



Proclamation Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, one in eight American women is diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in her life; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly recognized cancer among women in the nation, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In the United States in 2010 over 207,000 new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed in women and over 7,700 cases in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, one woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes, and one woman will die of breast cancer every thirteen minutes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history or other risk factors of the disease; and

WHEREAS, in Haywood County over 69 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and over 22 deaths will be reported by the end of 2011; and

WHEREAS, early detection can be an extremely effective tool, timely screening mammograms could prevent 15 to 30 percent of all deaths from breast cancer in women over age 40; and

WHEREAS, 98% of all breast cancer patients survive when the disease is detected early and there are over 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and MedWest Health System and Haywood County Health Department are joining the fight; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, churches, synagogues and other places of worship, as well as work sites, can play a special role in educating members or employees about breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Haywood County and encourages all citizens to learn the facts about breast cancer. Further, all Haywood County residents are encouraged to wear pink on Friday, October 21, 2011, and pink ribbons throughout the month in recognition of breast cancer awareness and in honor of women who have lost their lives to breast cancer and women who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer. Further, women are encouraged to talk to their health care providers about regular clinical breast examinations, getting regular mammograms, and practicing monthly breast self-examination.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2011

BY: _____
Mark S. Swanger, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
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