



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in North Carolina, women have a one-in-eight lifetime risk of developing breast cancer, which is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States, and which impacts Black women at a higher rate than white women; and

Whereas, the National Cancer Institute estimates that, in the United States in 2024, for women there will be 310,720 new breast cancer cases and 42,250 deaths from the disease, and for men, there will be 2,790 new breast cancer cases and 530 deaths from the disease; and

Whereas, the NC State Center for Health Statistics estimates that, in Guilford County in 2024, 630 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 77 women will die from the disease; and

Whereas, with routine mammogram screening and follow-up testing, the disease can be detected early when it can be most effectively treated and save lives; and

Whereas, being aware of the health information, education, treatment, and support methods available can help individuals find and receive the appropriate care and resources they need to improve their quality of life; and

Whereas, October is designated as *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Guilford County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The Board encourages women to consult with their healthcare providers about regular screening and to promote early detection of breast cancer by having regular clinical breast examinations, getting regular mammograms, and practicing monthly breast self-examination. The Board also encourages women to make daily choices that can lead to a healthier lifestyle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand to this proclamation this 3rd day of October

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chair
Guilford County Board of Commissioners