



Legislation Text

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**TITLE**

**PROCLAIM OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN  
GUILFORD COUNTY**

**SPONSOR**

Chairman Phillips

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed form of cancer for women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer death among American women. In 2017, the National Cancer Institute estimates that 252,710 new cases will be detected in women in the United States and approximately 40,610 women will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the NC State Center for Health Statistics estimates that, in 2017 in Guilford County, 514 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 72 women will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history of the disease, and women over the age of 50 are at greatest risk for developing breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, although men are not as susceptible to developing this form of cancer as women, according the NC State Center for Health Statistics estimates that 140 men are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. While survival rates for men and women with breast cancer are similar, men report symptoms less frequently, and are therefore at a greater risk of developing an advanced case of breast cancer before detection; and

**WHEREAS**, a mammogram is recognized as the single most effective method for detecting breast cancer in its earliest stages; before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and when treatment is most successful; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens can reduce their risk of cancer and other chronic illnesses by making deliberate lifestyle changes to improve and protect their health; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge and support the extraordinary commitment and effort invested in this cause by researchers, scientists, medical professionals, numerous nonprofit organizations and survivors who are dedicated to discovering a cure for breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor the faith and courage of all breast cancer survivors, their family members, caregivers and friends, within Guilford County and throughout the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Guilford County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of October 2017 as **NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and encourages citizens to learn the facts about breast cancer and discuss screening with their health care providers. The Board also encourages preventative action and early detection through regular clinical breast examinations, regular mammograms, and monthly breast self-examinations.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set  
my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed,  
this the 19th day of October 2017.

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Jeffrey M. Phillips, Chairman

Guilford County Board of Commissioners

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Guilford County.