



- WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is celebrating its 37th year of education and awareness of this complex disease and the importance of early detection for breast cancer; and,
- WHEREAS, much progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer over the last few decades, however there is still urgent work to do; and,
- WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the world, and the second leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States; more than one in eight women and one in 833 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetimes; and,
- WHEREAS, in 2022, more than 11,723 women in North Carolina can expect to be diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 1,472 will likely die from the disease; and,
- WHEREAS, with personal examinations, routine mammogram screenings and follow-up testing, the disease can be detected early so it can be most effectively treated and save lives; and,
- WHEREAS, because of early detection and increased awareness efforts, the trend in Gaston County has reversed over the last twenty years, with roughly 70% of breast cancers now presenting in Stage I, which is 100% curable, and 30% presenting in advanced stages. This reversal has resulted in a 75% decrease in mortality rates; and,
- WHEREAS, having affordable access to screenings and early detection for all women is an essential component in the fight against Breast Cancer; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County provides screening services through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP).
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of October as

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

in Gaston County and urges our fellow citizens to become aware of the impact of breast cancer in our community and to support the fight against this terrible disease. The Board further recognizes all survivors, support groups, advocates, researchers and health care providers who bring hope to those living with breast cancer.

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To be Adopted the 25th Day of October 2022