

Item Title: Proclamation Recognizing October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Wake County

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners proclaims October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Wake County.

Item Summary:

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in American women and is the second leading cause of cancer death in women. There is a one in eight chance that a woman in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Though there have been great strides in combatting this devastating illness, trend data depicts an overall increase in projections and deaths at the national, state and local levels. It is estimated that among US women, there will be 281,550 new cases of breast cancer and 43,600 breast cancer deaths in 2021 (American Cancer Society, 2021). According to the North Carolina Central Cancer Registry, it is projected that 11,677 women in NC will be diagnosed and 1,508 will die from breast cancer in 2021. In Wake County, it is anticipated that 1,124 females will be diagnosed with and 136 will die of breast cancer in 2021.

The good news is that many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram, the screening test for breast cancer, can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

During the month of October, various groups and organizations, advocates, health care providers, businesses, and faith communities, will convene to increase awareness about this disease and where possible, refer others to appropriate resources to secure the care they need.

Attachments:

1. Proclamation