



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing October as
Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, a woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes, making this disease the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the U.S., other than skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, In Wake County, it is anticipated that 1,124 females will be diagnosed with and 136 will die of breast cancer in 2021; and

WHEREAS, through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including five-year relative survival rates for localized breast cancer of 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and to make a mammography appointment; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, organizations, health practitioners, and public officials are encouraged to promote breast health awareness and refer to appropriate resources for mammography screenings; and

WHEREAS the Wake County community is encouraged to participate with educational activities and programs that support breast health practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2021, as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**, and urges the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to join in this worthwhile cause, to celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of October 2021.

Matthew M. Calabria, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners