



Proclamation

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, one in eight American women is diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in her life; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most commonly recognized cancer among women in the nation, and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In the United States in 2022 over 339,250 new cases of breast cancer are projected to be diagnosed in women and over 9,662 cases in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, one woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes, and one woman will die of breast cancer every thirteen minutes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history or other risk factors of the disease; and

WHEREAS, in Jackson County over 47 women are projected to be diagnosed with breast cancer, and over 6 deaths will be projected by the end of 2022; and

WHEREAS, early detection can be an extremely effective tool, timely screening mammograms could prevent 25% percent of all deaths from breast cancer in women over age 40; and

WHEREAS, 98% of all breast cancer patients survive when the disease is detected early and there are over 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Harris Regional Health System and Jackson County Department of Public Health are joining the fight; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, churches, synagogues and other places of worship, as well as work sites, can play a special role in education members or employees about breast cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, hereby proclaims the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Sylva and encourages all citizens to learn the facts about breast cancer. Further, all Town of Sylva residents are encouraged to wear pink on Friday, October 21, 2022, and pink ribbons throughout the month in recognition of breast cancer awareness and in honor of women who have lost their lives to breast cancer and women who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer. Further, women are encouraged to talk to their health care providers about regular clinical breast examinations, getting regular mammograms, and practicing monthly breast self-examination.

Dated this the 22nd day of September 2022.

Lynda Sossamon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda W. Murajda, Town Clerk