



PROCLAMATION

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, Breast cancer affects so many women and their families that one in eight women are diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime, making this the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in America, other than skin cancer; and

Whereas, this year, more than 246,000 women and 2,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in America, and about 40,000 deaths will occur due to breast cancer; and

Whereas, the 2.8 million breast cancer survivors living in America today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines and offering treatment to those who are affected; and

Whereas, there continues to be a need to increase awareness of breast cancer screening and to promote research for the prevention and cure of breast cancer; and

Whereas, the month of October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the pink ribbon is the internationally recognized symbol of breast cancer awareness,

Therefore I, Steven J. Sciascia, Mayor of the Town of Harrisburg, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016 as

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

in the Town of Harrisburg and urge citizens to participate in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer, and to wear pink ribbons in honor of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and those who are now bravely fighting the battle.

This the 10th day of October, 2016.

Steven J. Sciascia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Rackley, Town Clerk