



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS: October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; 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 during their lives; and

WHEREAS: Metastatic breast cancer occurs when breast cancer spreads to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver, and brain; regardless of early detection, approximately 30% of stage 0 to III breast cancers will return as stage IV; and

WHEREAS: The national organization, METAvivor Research and Support, funds critical stage IV metastatic breast cancer research, and educates the public about metastatic breast cancer and the lack of funding for stage IV treatment. The group aims to dramatically increase the current percentage of U.S. breast cancer research dollars from under 5 percent to 30 percent for the already metastasized patient; and

WHEREAS: The pink ribbon is well-known for representing the fight against early-stage breast cancer, but it is not inclusive of stage IV; therefore, the metastatic breast cancer awareness tri-color ribbon includes teal, pink, and green--teal portrays healing and spirituality, green represents the triumph of spring over winter and life over death, and the thin pink overlay signifies that the cancer originated in the breast; and

WHEREAS: The City of Winston-Salem joins in the Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day efforts this October to shine a light on the need for awareness and funding in our community and throughout the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, 13th, October 2023 as

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of October, 2023.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor