

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

FROM: Leslie Locke, Deputy Clerk of the Board

DATE: October 24, 2011

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming October 2011 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

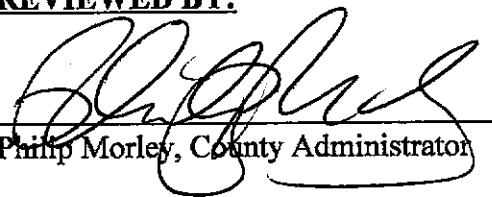
STATEMENT OF ISSUE:


Commissioner John Austin has requested that the Board review a proclamation proclaiming October 2011 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming October 2011 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator


Date

PROCLAMATION

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 about 39,520 women and 450 men are expected to die from breast cancer in 2011; and

WHEREAS, through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including an increase in five-year relative survival rates for localized breast cancer from 74 percent to 98 percent; and

WHEREAS, the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. 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, screening rates are declining and a recent study reveals that among the 1.5 million women studied over the age over 40 with health insurance, less than fifty percent received the recommended annual screening;

WHEREAS, Various organizations are spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men through outreach, education, and screening programs, and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having annual mammograms; and Jefferson County would like to support and encourage these ongoing efforts on behalf of our citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, throughout the month of October, organizations and health practitioners in Jefferson County are encouraged to use this opportunity to promote awareness about breast cancer and proper breast health, and to encourage annual mammograms; and

WHEREAS, public officials and citizens of Jefferson County are urged to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs that encourage annual mammograms; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County recognizes the importance of working together and supporting events such as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of all the residents of Jefferson County, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

and urge all residents to take steps to get life -saving mammograms and educate themselves, their families, and the community about breast cancer.

PROCLAIMED this 24th day of October, 2011.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
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John Austin, Chairman

Phil Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Raina Randall
Deputy Clerk of the Board

David Sullivan, Member