

# City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, every year, October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month, survivors are celebrated for beating the disease, while 150,000 with stage IV or metastatic breast cancer (cancer that reoccurs or spreads) live in fear of disease progression and face a lifetime of ongoing treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike the millions of women who feel they have beaten the disease, many of those living with metastatic breast cancer do not see themselves as “survivors” as their battle is constant. Despite treatment advances made in the last decade, every year some 40,000 cancer patients die; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics suggest that those with metastatic breast cancer have a life expectancy of only two to three years from initial diagnosis, but many women are beating the odds and living years longer; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness of this largely misunderstood disease will help bring about acceptance, support, and solidarity, and will help advocate for medical advances. It is critical to educate the public and to help provide metastatic breast cancer patients with a more supportive and productive environment:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patrick L. McCrory, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2009 as

## **“METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY”**

in Charlotte, and commend its observance to all citizens by acknowledging this day and demonstrating a commitment of recognition and acceptance to their friends and neighbors with metastatic breast cancer.

**WITNESS MY HAND** and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



  
Patrick L. McCrory  
Mayor