

**PROCLAMATION**

**METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY, October 13**

**Whereas**, Metastatic breast cancer is Stage IV/ advanced breast cancer that has spread from the original breast site to the bones and/or organs such as the liver, lungs, and brain; and

**Whereas**, According to the American Cancer Society, 178,480 women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009, and an estimated 30 percent will develop Stage IV advanced or metastatic breast cancer; and

**Whereas**, There are 155,000 Americans currently living with metastatic breast cancer underscoring the immediate need for increased public awareness; and

**Whereas**, Currently, there is no cure for metastatic breast cancer, and the disease can move quickly, or be active sometimes and not others; and

**Whereas**, Statistics suggest that most of those with metastatic breast cancer have a life expectancy of two to three years from initial diagnosis; and

**Whereas**, Metastatic breast cancer frequently involves one treatment after another (surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, hormonal treatment, targeted therapies), with the goal of extending life as long as possible with the best quality of life possible, resulting in metastatic breast cancer patients living with the constant fear that treatments will stop working and treatment options will be exhausted; and

**Whereas**, Metastatic breast cancer is rarely discussed during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, however those living with the disease should never feel isolated or ignored; and

**Whereas**, Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day emphasizes the urgent need for new, targeted breast cancer treatments that will provide a high quality of life and prolong life expectancy for patients by making Stage IV cancer a chronic, but not terminal disease; 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;

**Whereas**, The Metastatic Breast Cancer Network is calling for everyone to do their part to further build awareness of this disease; and now therefore be it

**Resolved**, That we do hereby proclaim October 13, 2009, Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and will support efforts to raise awareness about metastatic breast cancer and together, fight for the development of treatments that extend lives, while the search for the cure continues.

For the above reasons, I am asking all citizens of the Town of Davidson to join me in acknowledging October 13 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

**Now Therefore**, I, John M. Woods, Mayor of the Town of Davidson, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim **October 13<sup>th</sup> METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY**. I call upon the people of the Town of Davidson to acknowledge this day with appropriate programs and activities to demonstrate a commitment of recognition, support and acceptance to our friends and neighbors living with metastatic breast cancer.