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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 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;

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

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;

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;

WHEREAS, screening rates are declining and a recent study reveals that among the 1.5 million women studied 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 the county of Bradford would like to support and encourage these ongoing efforts on behalf of our citizens;

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;

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

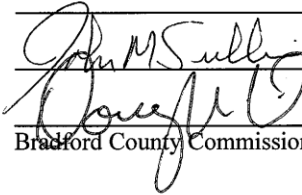
WHEREAS, public officials and citizens of Bradford County are urged to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs that encourage annual mammograms;

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bradford County Commissioners, on behalf all the residents of Bradford County, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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



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