



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 226,870 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 39,510 deaths from breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the U.S. One in seven Colorado women will have breast cancer at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, many women in our state lack health insurance and are unable to afford regular screening mammograms in accordance with national guidelines; and

WHEREAS, early detection increases the 5 year survival rate to 98%. Mammography is the single best method for detecting breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, last year, the American Cancer Society and the Women's Wellness Connection provided Colorado women with 17,776 cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society annually holds the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event on the second Saturday in October; and

WHEREAS, every Making Strides event is a powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor breast cancer survivors, raise awareness about what we can do to stay well from breast cancer, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease with breast cancer research, information and services, and access to mammograms for women who need them; and

WHEREAS, this event, a 3-mile walk, will be on October 13th at the Stocker Stadium and registration is open to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Pitts, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

"BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Grand Junction, and encourage support of the "2012 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Mesa County" event by all community members and encourage all women in the community to become aware that they are at risk and to check with their health care provider to see whether they should have a mammogram.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 13th day of October, 2012.

Mayor

