



# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

## OCTOBER, 2008

- WHEREAS,** in 2008, approximately 2,875 women in Colorado, and 105 in Mesa County, will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 510 will die (21 in Mesa County) from the disease; 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 97%. Mammography is the single best method for detecting breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the Junior Service League of Grand Junction annually holds the “Walk 4 Life” event on the first Saturday in October; and
- WHEREAS,** 100% of the funds from this event go to pay for screening mammograms for low income and uninsured women in Mesa County; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1998, more than 1,000 women in Mesa County have received mammograms funded from proceeds from Walk 4 Life; and
- WHEREAS,** this event, a 3-mile walk, will be on October 4, 2008 and will start at the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, 655 Struthers Avenue, and registration is open to the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Mesa County, together with the City of Grand Junction, do proclaim October, 2008 as

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in the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County and encourage support of the “Walk 4 Life” event by all community members and encourage all women in Grand Junction and Mesa County 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, we hereunto set our hands and cause to be affixed the official Seals of the City and County.

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Gregg Palmer, Mayor  
On behalf of the  
Grand Junction City Council  
September 29, 2008

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Janet Rowland, Chairman  
On behalf of the  
Mesa County Commissioners  
September 29, 2008