

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2013

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer, excluding skin cancer, and is the second most common cause of cancer death among women in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. nearly one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, and each year in Marin 250 women are diagnosed and 35 women die; and

WHEREAS, incidence rates in Marin have decreased over the last decade, are more in line with the average rate in California, are no longer the highest among California counties, but are still higher than many California counties and than average rates in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer mortality rates have continued declining over the past two decades and 8 fewer women died on average each year in 2006-2010 than in 1990-1994; and

WHEREAS, the Marin Women's Study was initiated by the County of Marin to investigate breast cancer locally with over 14,000 questionnaires and 8,500 saliva samples collected from women to better understand how to decrease breast cancer risk, incidence of the disease, and further reduce the number of deaths; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services has developed and maintained strong collaborations with Buck Institute for Age Research, Kaiser Permanente San Rafael Medical Center, Marin Cancer Institute at Marin General Hospital, UCSF, Zero Breast Cancer and the Avon Foundation for Women; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services the Gabrielle Patser Program to provide breast cancer screenings, diagnostic services and case coordinates with the Board of Supervisors, the Marin Community Foundation, the Sutter Access to Care Fund, and management for low income underserved and uninsured women and men at risk for breast cancer; last year 97 clients received services and 4 were diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, mammography is still the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and some breast cancer deaths are prevented when women receive mammograms at regular intervals in consultation with their health care providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 1st day of October, 2013.

JUDY ARNOLD - DISTRICT 5, PRESIDENT

SUSAN L. ADAMS - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

