



# Proclamation #14-95

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2014

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background and in every community across our Nation. Though great strides have been made in combatting this devastating illness, more than 200,000 women, and although it is rare, even some men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and tens of thousands are expected to lose their lives to the disease. During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we honor those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and

**WHEREAS**, though the exact causes of breast cancer are unknown, understanding its risk factors is essential to prevention. Older women and those who have a personal or family history of breast cancer are among those at greater risk of developing the illness. Early detection is also key in the fight against breast cancer. Getting recommended screening mammograms can help to detect breast cancer early. I encourage women and men to speak with their health care provider about breast cancer, and to visit [www.Cancer.gov](http://www.Cancer.gov) to learn more about symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment.

**WHEREAS**, this month, we stand with the mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends who have been affected by breast cancer, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease. In memory of the loved ones we have lost and inspired by the resilience of those living with the disease, let us strengthen our resolve to join in the efforts to lead the Town of Surfside Beach and the Nation toward a future free from cancer in all its forms.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, I encourage citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and all other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer.

**BE IT PROCLAIMED, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas F. Samples, do hereby proclaim this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014 that in the Town of Surfside Beach, the month of October 2014 is

### *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

**BE IT SO PROCLAIMED.**

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The Hon. Douglas F. Samples  
Mayor, Town of Surfside Beach

Attest:

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Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk