

*Breast Cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer deaths among American women and one in every eight females will be diagnosed with this disease during her lifetime; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Men and women should be aware that age, obesity, genetics, and family history are factors that can contribute to the risk of developing this disease; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Ninety-eight percent of those living with cancer have a greater chance of survival when it is detected early; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Early detection and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease and yearly mammograms and clinical breast examinations are recommended for women starting at age 40; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes and regular screenings are a woman's best chance for detecting breast cancer early, which can significantly improve a woman's chance for survival from breast cancer; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Monthly self-examinations, beginning in a woman's early 20s, are also a key part in detecting any abnormalities or changes.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Ruane, Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Sanibel, do hereby declare the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Sanibel, and urge all citizens and employees of the City at risk for breast cancer to use appropriate screenings that can detect it at its early stages.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.***