

P r o c l a m a t i o n

Recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

***WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed form of cancer for women in the United States, expected to be detected in 232,670 American Women in 2014; and*

***WHEREAS**, breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer death among American women. It is projected that it will claim 40,430 women in the United States in 2014; and*

***WHEREAS**, although men are not as susceptible to developing this form of cancer as women, 2,360 men are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. While survival rates for men and women with breast cancer are similar at parallel stages, men report symptoms less frequently, and are therefore at a greater risk of developing an advanced case of breast cancer before detection; and*

***WHEREAS**, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment; and*

***WHEREAS**, mammography, an "x-ray of the breast", is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and*

***WHEREAS**, researchers, scientists, numerous nonprofit organizations, and breast cancer survivors are dedicated to discovering the cure for breast cancer. During the month of October, we acknowledge the extraordinary commitment and effort invested in this cause, and support those who are working towards a cure; and*

***WHEREAS**, we recognize the breast cancer survivors among us and honor their faith and courage. Over two and a half million American breast cancer survivors today give us hope of a better future for those affected by breast cancer.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Randy Pope, Mayor of the City of Oakley, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourage all Americans to learn the facts about breast cancer, invest in a healthy future by exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy diet, and limiting alcohol use, and obtain regular breast cancer screenings.*

Randy Pope, Mayor