

WHEREAS, October 2013 marks more than 26 years that National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has educated women about early breast cancer detection; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer by collaborating with several national public service organizations, professional associations, and government agencies who work together to ensure that the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month message is heard by thousands of women and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates in the United States, more than 300,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women this year; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates in the United States, more than 2,240 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men this year; and

WHEREAS, through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including significant decreases in mortality; and

WHEREAS, the 2.9 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines and offering treatment to those who are affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Koniar, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as, "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Foley, Alabama. I encourage all Citizens to join in this worthwhile cause, to celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles.

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