

CITY OF AUGUSTA

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Pink Ribbon reminds us that breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States. However, when breast cancer is detected in its earliest stages, there can be a 95% 5-year survival rate; and

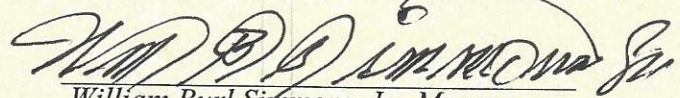
WHEREAS: Thirty counties in Arkansas do not have a fixed mammography facility and this creates a barrier for many women to easily access mammography, hereby possibly increasing their mortality rate; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that in the United States, 266,120 women and 2,550 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer during 2018, and approximately 40,920 women and 480 men will die of the disease. In Arkansas this year, an estimated 2,160 new cases in females will be detected and 410 deaths breast cancer deaths will occur; and

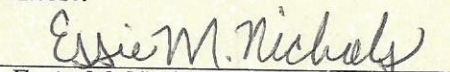
WHEREAS: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and October 5 is designated as Go Pink for the Cure Day to bring awareness of the importance of mammography and to renew its commitment to removing obstacles that prevent women from seeking mammograms;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, **William Burl Simmons, Jr.**, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 5^h, 2018, as **GO PINK FOR THE CURE DAY** across the City, and I urge all my fellow citizens to join me in helping to promote efforts for the prevention and treatment of this deadly disease.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Augusta to be affixed this 24th, day of August, in the year of our ~~our~~ Lord 2018.


William Burl Simmons, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Essie M. Nichols, City Clerk

