WHEREAS, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer, and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease; and

WHEREAS, since National Breast Cancer Awareness Month's inception in 1985, mammography use has doubled, and breast cancer death rates have declined. Still, many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and that breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older received mammograms at regular intervals,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as

"NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in Westerville and urge all women and their families in Westerville to get the facts about mammography.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 15th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Kathleen Cocuzzi Mayor