



City of St. Charles

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# Proclamation

## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY-MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER MONTH

**WHEREAS,** during the American Cancer Society-Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Month, we recognize the progress being made towards a cure for this disease, which robs so many women of their health and, in too many cases, their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** since the event began in 1993, 8 million walkers have raised more than \$460 million to help the American Cancer Society create a world without breast cancer. American Cancer Society-funded research has led to the development of life-saving breast cancer as well as the discovery of genes linked to breast cancer. In 2011, the American Cancer Society awarded \$16.7 million in breast cancer research grants, and continues to provide free services to patients and their families including free rides to treatment, and programs to help women cope with their diagnosis. Breast cancer death rates have decreased over the past 20 years thanks in part to the American Cancer Society's research and mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 40 and older. To ensure mammography is available to all American women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides screening and treatment services through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. This Program has offered free and low-cost mammograms to almost 1.5 million low-income and minority women across our country; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition, the Federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act allows states to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income, uninsured women who were screened through the CDC program and found to need treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** to prevent breast cancer, we must increase awareness of its risk factors and causes. Age and genetic factors have been shown to increase the risk of breast cancer. Researchers are now exploring how diet and hormonal factors are linked to possible causes. For additional information, please contact the American Cancer Society toll-free at, (800) 227-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). For more information about Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, please visit [www.makingstrideswalk.org/foxvalleyil](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/foxvalleyil).

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Raymond Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2013 as Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Month.** I urge everyone to participate in preventative screenings and to seek out information to help make better and smarter choices about their health and take advantage of all the prevention and early detection services available.

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Raymond P. Rogina