

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Due to regular screenings, earlier detection and better treatments, substantial progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast cancer is still the most frequently diagnosed non-skin cancer and is the leading cause of cancer deaths among women in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 200,000 Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and nearly 40,000 lives will be claimed by it; and

**WHEREAS**, The risk factors for breast cancer are well known - family and personal history, radiation therapy to the chest for previous cancers, obesity, and certain genetic changes; and

**WHEREAS**, The awareness of the risk factors in combination with maintaining a healthy body weight, a balanced diet, exercising regularly, and getting regular screenings, may help lower the chances of developing breast cancer.

**WHEREAS**, The displaying of pink ribbons on our lapels, in our offices, and on our storefronts is a show of support for those courageously fighting breast cancer and honors the lives taken by this disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE HONORABLE JOHN A. HARKINS**, Mayor of Stratford, do call upon all its citizens to join with me in activities, events, and decisions that increase awareness of and involvement in the fight against breast cancer as I proclaim

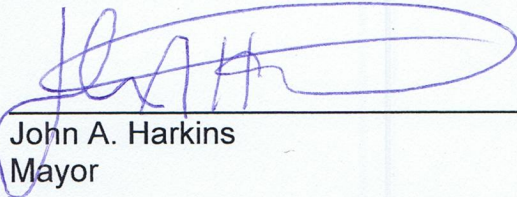
**OCTOBER 2010**

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

In the Town of Stratford.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Stratford this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.



  
John A. Harkins  
Mayor