

# Ouray County Proclamation Breast Cancer Awareness Month



**WHEREAS**, Every October, communities around the country come together to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, While breast cancer mortality rates have declined overall, the incidence is increasing, especially among younger women, and persistent disparities in diagnosis and outcomes remain across racial and ethnic groups, (American Cancer Society); and

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a moment to call attention to the fact that one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, The early detection of breast cancer through annual mammography and other breast exams is the best defense against receiving a late-stage breast cancer diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness month also brings awareness to specific groups within the breast cancer community, such as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (October 13) and Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week (October 17-23); and,

**WHEREAS**, Organizations, such as the Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern Colorado (aka Bosom Buddies), offer support to Ouray County residents by:

- Providing financial assistance for mammograms and other breast cancer related medical expenses to underserved women and men in southwestern Colorado.
- Helping more than 200 women and men each year with medical financial assistance.
- Providing hats, scarves, wigs, bras and prosthesis.
- Awarding scholarships to the children of a parent or guardian diagnosed with breast cancer, and to breast cancer survivors who reside in southwestern Colorado.
- Provide financial assistance for counseling services for children of women and men diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Annual "One Step Closer to Help and Hope" walk/run event – which will be held this year on Saturday, October 11.

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month can mean different things to different people; it goes far beyond wearing pink ribbons - it's a chance to show our support to those whose lives have been forever changed by this disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with our mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends - and we recognize all who have joined their loved ones in fighting their battle as well; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ouray County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Ouray County.

