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County Executive Craig Issues Proclamation Declaring Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Employees Donate \$1,800 to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig has issued a proclamation declaring October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Harford County. The county executive was joined by Delegate Donna Stifler, District 35-A, as well as county employees and supporters of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

"During the month of October, many organizations and community groups will offer public education and special events in an effort to heighten the awareness and raise funds to help find a cure for breast cancer," County Executive Craig stated. "Our proclamation is symbolic of the support by county employees, their families and friends for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and efforts to find a cure for breast cancer," remarked the county executive.

In 2009 an estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the United States and an additional 1,900 cases in American men. When caught early, before spreading beyond the breast, the five year survival rate for breast cancer is now 98% compared to only 72% in 1982. Furthermore, there are now over 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, making early detection through screening and increased awareness a key in fighting this disease.

"The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure has lead efforts for breast cancer awareness for more than 25 years, and Harford County employees, family members, friends and cancer survivors are proud to support the work of this outstanding organization," County Executive Craig stated.

Through a bake sale, crafts and donations, Harford County employees have raised \$1,800 which will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

For more information or to register for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, visit www.komenmd.org.

