

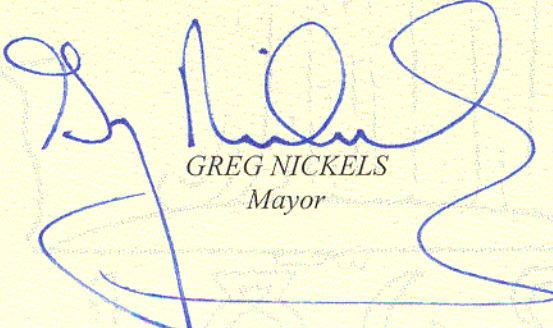
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, *in 2003, an estimated 211,000 U.S. women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and nearly 40,000 will die from the disease; and*
- WHEREAS, *Washington state has the nation's highest incidence rate of breast cancer with an estimated 3,800 new breast cancer diagnoses and 700 deaths in 2003; and*
- WHEREAS, *the Seattle-Puget Sound area has the highest incidence rate of breast cancer among the nine U.S. urban areas measured by the National Cancer Institute; and*
- WHEREAS, *the five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer in the U.S. is 97 percent when it is diagnosed at an early stage, only 63 percent of breast cancers are diagnosed at this early stage, and early detection is the best defense; and*
- WHEREAS, *Seattle is home to many leading institutions dedicated to advancing research and to raising funds to eliminate breast cancer; and*
- WHEREAS, *these organizations are cooperating in Seattle to raise awareness of breast cancer and the importance of early detection; and*
- WHEREAS, *Community awareness, support and funding serve a critical role in accelerating research to eliminate the disease;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the city of Seattle, do hereby proclaim October 2003 to be

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Seattle and I urge all citizens to become more aware of the ways to detect and prevent breast cancer.


GREG NICKELS
Mayor

