

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Pink Tie Organization recognizes the first Saturday in August when the entire nation comes together to battle all cancers to raise awareness and send the message that ending all cancers needs to be a national health priority; and

WHEREAS, emphasis will be placed on prevention and early detection through health screenings and promotion of healthy lifestyles, which includes proper diet, exercise, and a smoke free environment; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, "Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease. Cancer accounts for nearly 1 out of every 4 deaths in the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the physical, emotional, and financial costs of cancer are high, and in these tough economic times, working together as a nation will save lives and save money; and

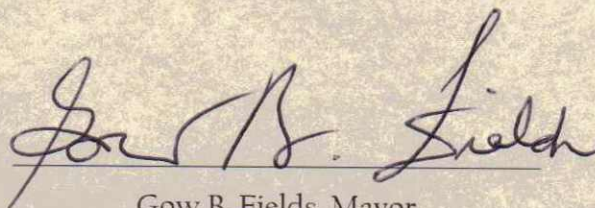
WHEREAS, National Cancer Awareness Day honors the memory of those we have lost, supports those that are fighting cancer, and celebrates the survivors who inspire us through their strength and courage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GOW B. FIELDS, as Mayor of the City of Lakeland, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 4, 2013, as

NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Lakeland and urge all citizens to support the fight against all cancers, honor the survivors and remember those who will forever live in our hearts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Gow B. Fields have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lakeland to be affixed this 15th day of July, 2013.



Gow B. Fields, Mayor
Lakeland, Florida