

PROCLAMATION BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 2026

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, in 2025, more than 428 women will be diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and over 135 women will die of cervical cancer according to estimates from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute says that the five-year survival rate of individuals diagnosed with cervical cancer is 67.4 percent, due to improved treatment, early diagnosis and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer incidence rates and death rates are still high among certain populations in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health, largely due to limited access to cervical cancer screening and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Public Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program provides free breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up services for women who meet the financial qualifications set by the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners recognizes cervical cancer awareness and encourages all residents to recognize that cervical cancer is treatable, and that routine screening and HPV vaccinations can save lives; and

WHEREAS, the results from a simple Pap test and HPV co-test can be used to help prevent cervical cancer or detect cervical cancer in its earliest and most curable stage; and

WHEREAS, patient advocacy organizations, like Cervivor, inspire and empower those affected by cervical cancer by educating and motivating them to use their voices for creating awareness to end stigma, influence decision and change, and end cervical cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Union County Board of Commissioners that January 2026 shall be known as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Union County, North Carolina.

Adopted the 8th day of December 2025.

ATTEST:

Lynn G. West, Clerk to the Board

Chair
Union County Board of Commissioners