

# ***PROCLAMATION***

## American Cancer Society's Western Loudoun Relay for Life May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

**WHEREAS**, 2014 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Gordy Klatt's first step of his 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Washington which raised \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society in May 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, the following year, 220 supporters on 19 teams joined Dr. Klatt in this overnight event, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life was born; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the more than 5,000 Relays nationwide is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities to raise money for the fight against cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, this event celebrates the lives of those who have battled cancer as the strength of survivors inspires other to continue the fight, remembers loved ones lost to the disease and allows people who have walked alongside those battling cancer to find healing and allows participants to fight back and put an end to the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Relay for Life of Loudoun County is being held on May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1, 2014 at Heritage High School in the Town of Leesburg; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2014 Relay for Life is "**Carnival of Hope**"; and

**WHEREAS**, Relay for Life of Loudoun County is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and has raised over **\$2,353,084** to aid in the fight against cancer since 2000.

**THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby congratulate the organizers and participants of the Relay for Life of Loudoun County and urge the citizens of the Town of Leesburg to support the American Cancer Society.

**PROCLAIMED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

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