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Lake County Clerk's Office shows support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

TAVARES, FL — To help show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, employees with the Lake County Clerk's Office participated in the 5th Annual Pink Out 5K Run/Walk hosted by Florida Hospital Waterman on Thursday, Oct. 18. A total of 39 people signed up to be included on the Clerk's "Positively Pink" team.

"I was excited that so many of our employees and their family members were able to come out and participate," said Gary Cooney, Lake County Clerk and Comptroller. "We have some survivors of breast cancer in our office, and I am honored to show support for them, and to help bring awareness to this worthwhile cause."

During October, the Clerk also encouraged employees to show their support by wearing pink on Wednesdays.

Statistics from the American Cancer Society show that there will be an estimated 268,670 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in 2018.



The Clerk's "Positively Pink" team at the 5th Annual Pink Out 5K Run/Walk.

Finding breast cancer early and getting state-of-the-art cancer treatment are the most important strategies to prevent deaths from breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Breast cancer <u>that's found</u> early, when it's small and has not spread, is easier to treat successfully. For more information, or to view screening guidelines, visit <u>www.cancer.org</u>.