

**A PROCLAMATION Declaring the Month of November “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina.**

**WHEREAS** in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease;

**WHEREAS** pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

**WHEREAS** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage and seventy-three percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the five year of their diagnosis while ninety-four percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

**WHEREAS** approximately six hundred deaths will occur in South Carolina in 2013;

**WHEREAS** the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020;

**WHEREAS** the United States Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

**WHEREAS** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina and nationwide for focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

**WHEREAS** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in the City of Isle of Palms support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

**WHEREAS** the good health and well-being of the residents of the City of Isle of Palms are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Richard F. Cronin designates the month of November 2013 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Isle of Palms.

  
Richard F. Cronin, Mayor



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