

Proclamation in Recognition of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS over 37,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and over

34,000 will die from the disease; and

pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United WHEREAS

States; and

seventy-five percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and WHEREAS

ninety-five percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early WHEREAS

detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic

prognosis, and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease in only three to

six months; and

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Rochester Hills are enhanced as a direct result of

increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective

treatments; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that

serves the pancreatic cancer community in Michigan and nationwide by 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; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Michigan support those patients currently

battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are

committed to nothing less than a cure.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council designate the month of November 2009 as

"Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Rochester Hills.

Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor

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