

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers and is the 3rd leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States after lung and colon, and without an early detection it is expected to become the 2nd leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. by 2030; and



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WHEREAS, in 2023 an estimated 64,050 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the U.S., and over 50,550 will die from pancreatic cancer; this marks a 6 percent and 5 percent increase respectively, and



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WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the few cancers for which the survival rate has not improved substantially over nearly 40 years; the combined five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer is very low at just 5 – 10 percent; and



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WHEREAS, stage IV pancreatic cancer has a five-year survival rate of just 1 percent; pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers with 80% of all patients dying within the first year of diagnosis; and



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WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is a leading cause of cancer death largely because there are no early detection tools to diagnose the disease in its early stages when surgical removal of the tumor is still possible;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County expresses their support of the Joseph C. Monastra Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, which funds research towards finding tools that will lead to early detection of pancreatic cancer, requests businesses, buildings, monuments and structures show support by lighting up in purple, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, November 16, 2023 as “WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY” and the month of November 2023 as “PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” in Fulton County, Georgia.



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