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Proclamation for Pancreatic Awareness Month

PROCLAMATION
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

November 2014

WHEREAS, In 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease. Approximately 1,480 deaths will occur in Michigan in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020. Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five- year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and

WHEREAS, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act was signed into law in 2013, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, 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 national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Ann Arbor and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes 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 the City of Ann Arbor 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; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Ann Arbor are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatment.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 as

“Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Ann Arbor.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 1st day of November, 2014

Mayor _____

John Hieftje,