

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *this year, an estimated 40,560 American will die of pancreatic cancer, approximately 2,050 of whom live in Pennsylvania; in support of these individuals, November has been recognized as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month," with November 13 being "World Pancreatic Cancer Day;" and*

WHEREAS, *pancreatic cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancerous) cells form in the tissues of the pancreas; the pancreas is a gland located behind the stomach and in front of the spine and produces digestive juices and hormones that regulate blood sugar; and*

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

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

WHEREAS, *the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PCAN) is fully committed to providing the most comprehensive set of programs and services to fight this very difficult disease; PCAN is involved in research and scientific affairs, government advocacy, patient services, and community; we are extremely thankful for PCAN and the assistance it provides to our residents in times of need.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby November 2015 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" and November 13 as "World Pancreatic Cancer Day" in Allegheny County; in support of those affected by pancreatic cancer, the Courthouse will be lit in purple light.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13th day of November, 2015.*

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