

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
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Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

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DATE DRAFTED

DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN ROCK COUNTY

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the
2 United States and 37,390 will die from the disease; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer
5 death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the
6 single digits at just six percent; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an
9 optimistic prognosis, and 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their
10 diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United States, African Americans have the highest
13 incidence rate of pancreatic cancer, between 34 percent and 70 percent higher than the other groups;
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16 **WHEREAS**, approximately 760 deaths will occur in Wisconsin in 2012; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in
19 survival rates in the last 40 years; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research
22 than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only
23 approximately 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a figure far too
24 low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it;
25 and,
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27 **WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy
28 organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Rock County and nationwide by focusing
29 its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education
30 related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and,
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32 **WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Rock County support those
33 patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease,
34 and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and,
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36 **WHEREAS**, the good health and well-being of the residents of Rock County are enhanced as a direct
37 result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and
38 effective treatments; therefore be it.
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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
41 assembled on this 15 day of November, 2012, does hereby designate the month of
42 November 2012 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Rock County.

Respectfully submitted,

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