City of Schertz

Proclamation

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

November 2026

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, and the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate below 20%, currently just 13%; and

WHEREAS, increasing community education about the common risk factors and warning signs of pancreatic cancer—including mid-back pain, unexplained weight loss, jaundice, and new-onset diabetes—can empower Schertz residents to seek early medical intervention.

WHEREAS, Local advocacy alongside the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) to advance scientific research, provide critical patient resources, increase community education, and advocate federal funding can bring essential support, hope, and more effective detection tools and treatments to patients and families within our community; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is observed globally as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, with the international community uniting on November 19th for World Pancreatic Cancer Day to "Shine a Light" on this illness and honor those we have lost;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of Schertz, do hereby proclaim the month of **November 2026** as

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Schertz, Texas, and urge all residents to wear purple, familiarize themselves with the risk factors of this disease, and join in support of patients, survivors, and families fighting pancreatic cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz to be affixed on this the 17th day of November 2026.

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Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor