

State of Texas
County of Williamson
Know all men by these presents:

That on the 6th day of October, 2009 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
Lisa L. Birkman, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over 42,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and 35,000 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,120 deaths will occur in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, 76 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only three to six months; and

WHEREAS, incidence of pancreatic cancer is 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancers; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Williamson County are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Williamson County and nationwide by focusing its efforts on 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 Williamson County support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County designates the month of November, 2009 as;

"Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"

PROCLAIMED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.


Dan A. Gattis, County Judge


ATTEST: Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk

