

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS over 279,000 people worldwide will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year and over 266,000 will die from the disease;

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

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer can strike men and woman and approximately 2120 deaths will occur in Texas;

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;

WHEREAS there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and the five-year survival rate for the disease is less than six percent;

WHEREAS there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 40 years;

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;

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

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;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community of 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;

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; therefore be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED; that the Commissioners Court designate the month of November, 2011 as:

"Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"

PROCLAIMED THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.



Dan A. Gattis, County Judge