

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

That on the 30th day of October, 2012 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

Declaring the month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Williamson County.

WHEREAS in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,390 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS approximately 2,240 deaths will occur in Texas in 2012;

WHEREAS the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020, and possibly as early 2015;

WHEREAS the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only approximately 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

WHEREAS, the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act*, formerly the *Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act*, requires that the National Cancer Institute develop a scientific framework for combating pancreatic cancer and other recalcitrant cancers;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Williamson County and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes 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;


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 we encourage Williamson County residents to call up on the Texas delegation to the U.S. Senate to pass the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED; that the Commissioners Court designates the month of November, 2012 as:

"Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"

PROCLAIMED THIS 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012.



Dan A. Gattis, County Judge