



Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, PANCREATIC CANCER CONTINUES TO BE THE FOURTH LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN AMERICA, WITH OVER 44,000 AMERICANS ESTIMATED TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH AND 37,660 TO DIE FROM THIS DISEASE IN JUST THIS YEAR, AND

WHEREAS, OVER 2,200 DEATHS WILL OCCUR THIS YEAR IN TEXAS ALONE; AND

WHEREAS, SYMPTOMS AND DETECTION OCCUR TOO LATE FOR AN OPTIMISTIC PROGNOSIS, RESULTING IN 74 PERCENT OF PATIENTS DYING WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS, AND 94 PERCENT GONE WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, THOUGH THERE IS NO CURE AND NO SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN SURVIVAL RATES WITHIN THE LAST FORTY YEARS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVESTS A NEGLIGIBLE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH (TWO PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE'S FEDERAL RESEARCH FUNDING); AND

WHEREAS, THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK IS THE FIRST AND ONLY NATIONAL PATIENT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION IN COLLIN COUNTY AND NATIONWIDE SUPPORTING THOSE DYING FROM THIS DISEASE, AND IS FIGHTING FOR NOTHING LESS THAN A CURE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF COLLIN COUNTY, RECOGNIZES THE **PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK** AND DESIGNATES THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS **PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND ACTION TO ULTIMATELY ELIMINATE THIS DEADLY DISEASE. IN WITNESS THEREOF, WE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.