



Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, PANCREATIC CANCER IS THE DEADLIEST AND THE FOURTH LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES, RESULTING IN OVER 45,000 AMERICANS BEING DIAGNOSED WITH AND 38,460 DYING FROM THIS DISEASE THIS YEAR, AND

WHEREAS, 2,510 DEATHS WILL OCCUR THIS YEAR IN TEXAS ALONE; AND

WHEREAS, THERE IS NO CURE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER, NOR HAVE THERE BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN DETECTION, TREATMENT OR SURVIVAL RATES IN THE LAST 30 YEARS. IN FACT, PANCREATIC CANCER DEATH RATES ARE SLOWLY INCREASING, RESULTING IN MOST PATIENTS DYING WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS, AND 94 PERCENT GONE WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK IS THE FIRST AND ONLY NATIONAL PATIENT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION IN COLLIN COUNTY AND NATIONWIDE SUPPORTING THOSE SUFFERING 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** IN ORDER TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND ACTION TO ULTIMATELY ELIMINATE THIS DEADLY DISEASE. IN WITNESS THEREOF, WE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS THIS FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN.

KEITH SELF, COUNTY JUDGE

MATT SHAHEEN, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1

CHERYL WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2

CHRIS HILL, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3

DUNCAN WEBB, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4