



Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, PANCREATIC CANCER IS THE FOURTH LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES AND ONE OF THE DEADLIEST, RESULTING IN 46,420 AMERICANS DIAGNOSED WITH AND 39,590 DYING FROM THIS DISEASE THIS YEAR, AND

WHEREAS, 2,400 DEATHS WILL OCCUR THIS YEAR IN TEXAS ALONE; AND

WHEREAS, PANCREATIC CANCER IS THE ONLY MAJOR CANCER WITH A SINGLE DIGIT FIVE-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE, RESULTING IN 73 PERCENT OF PATIENTS DYING WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS, AND 94 PERCENT GONE WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS; 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; 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 2014 AS **PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** IN ORDER TO RAISE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGE GREATER PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND ACTION TO ULTIMATELY ELIMINATE THIS DEADLY DISEASE. IN WITNESS THEREOF, WE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS THIS THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

KEITH SELF, COUNTY JUDGE

MARK REID, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1

CHERYL WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2

CHRIS HILL, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3

DUNCAN WEBB, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4