



WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, and the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate of just six percent. An estimated 43,920 individuals will be diagnosed in the United States this year, and 37,390 will die from the disease. Approximately 720 of those deaths will occur in Maryland; and

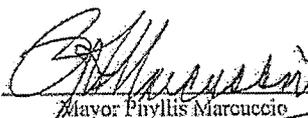
WHEREAS, there are currently no early detection methods and minimal treatment options for pancreatic cancer. By the time symptoms generally present themselves it is too late for a positive prognosis. There is no cure for pancreatic cancer, and no significant improvements in survival rates have been made in the last 40 years. Approximately 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 94 percent of those diagnosed will die within the first five years; and

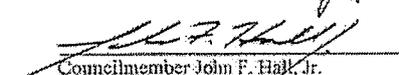
WHEREAS, out of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United States, African Americans have the highest incident rate of pancreatic cancer, between 34 and 70 percent higher than other groups; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than with any other leading cancer killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes of approximately only two percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding; and

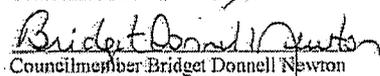
WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the cancer community in the City of Rockville and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rockville designate the month of November 2012 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month".


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