



WORLD **PANCREATIC** CANCER DAY NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Proclamation Declaring November 17 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in Guilford County

WHEREAS, the cause of most pancreatic cancers is unknown and they symptoms are usually subtle and are often attributed to less serious medical conditions causing many cases to go undiagnosed until late stages of cancer progression; and

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate of all major cancers, and just 2 to 10 percent of those diagnosed survive five years; and

WHEREAS studies show that death rates for pancreatic cancer are increasing in the United States and Europe, while death rates are declining for most other cancers; and

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world and is the fourth leading cause of cancer related death in developed countries, surpassing breast cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS there were an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed globally in 2015; and

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Guilford county are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners designate November 17 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in Guilford County and encourages its citizens to become aware of its symptoms: including abdominal or back pain, weight loss, jaundice, loss of appetite, nausea, and diabetes, and discuss early diagnosis options with their healthcare providers.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners hopes to elevate awareness and draw attention to pancreatic cancer in hopes of greater investment and interest in the disease which will allow more people to be diagnosed in time for surgery – currently the only potential for a cure.

Adopted this the 17th day of November, 2016.