



## Legislation Text

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### TITLE

**PROCLAIM NOVEMBER AS PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

### SPONSOR

Commissioner Conrad

### PROCLAMATION

#### **Proclamation Declaring November as World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Guilford County**

**WHEREAS**, the cause of most pancreatic cancers continues to remain unknown where too often the subtle symptoms are attributed to lesser serious medical conditions that go undiagnosed until the disease has reached the late stages of progression; and

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

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

, pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women world and is the fourth leading cause of cancer-related death in developed countries, surpassing even in the United States, with an estimated 280,000 new cases of pancreatic cancer diagnosed each year;

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

**BEFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners designate **NOVEMBER AS PANCREATIC CANCER MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY** and encourages its citizens aware of its symptoms: including abdominal or back pain, weight loss, jaundice, loss of appetite, diabetes, and discuss early diagnosis options with their healthcare providers.

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

this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2017.

Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, day of November 2017.

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Jeffrey M. Phillips, Chairman  
Guilford County Board of Commissioners