



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE**

**PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2020 AS PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY**

### **SPONSOR**

Commissioner Justin Conrad

### **BACKGROUND**

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

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate of all major cancers, and just nine percent of those diagnosed will survive more than five years; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that death rates for pancreatic cancer are increasing in the United States, 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 third leading cause of cancer-related death in developed countries, surpassing even breast cancer in the United States, with an estimated 57,600 new cases of pancreatic cancer diagnosed in 2020; 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 2020 as **PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Adopt proclamation in observance of November 2020 as Pancreatic Awareness Month in Guilford County.