



City of St. Charles

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# Proclamation

## PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS** in 2011 an estimated 44,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660 will die from the disease and approximately 1,610 deaths will occur in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS** pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only approximately 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

**WHEREAS** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in St. Charles 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 for pancreatic cancer; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, designate the month of November 2011 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in St. Charles, Illinois.

  
Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor