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RESOLUTION

Declaring the month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Chicago.

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

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

WHEREAS approximately 1,580 deaths will occur in Illinois in 2011; and

WHEREAS approximately 1,920 new cases will occur in Illinois in 2011; and

WHEREAS there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 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 Research & Education Act* (S. 362/H.R. 733) requires that the National Cancer Institute develop a strategic plan for combating pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Chicago 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 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Chicago support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

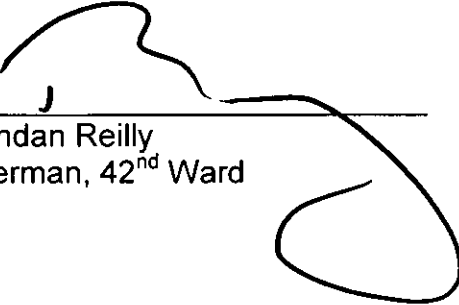
WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Chicago are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS the City of Chicago will encourage and call upon their Illinois federal delegation to co-sponsor the *Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act* (S. 362/H.R. 733); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Chicago will designate the month of November 2011 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Chicago.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 5th day of October, 2011 A.D., do hereby proclaim the month of November 2011 to be "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.



Brendan Reilly
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