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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

November 13, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Maldonado, a resolution recognizing November 21, 2019 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, World Pancreatic Cancer Day is November 21, 2019, and is a time to bring people from around the world together to highlight the need for greater awareness, funding, and research for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, While death rates are declining for many other cancers, death rates are increasing for pancreatic cancer, with an estimated 1,184 expected to die from the disease every day worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate of all major cancers, with approximately five percent of those diagnosed in the United States surviving five years; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in 2025, 557,688 new cases of pancreatic cancer will be diagnosed globally; and

WHEREAS, On World Pancreatic Cancer Day, the global pancreatic cancer community will unite to fight against the world's toughest cancer and raise awareness about the symptoms and risks of pancreatic cancer, and the urgent need for early detection; and

WHEREAS, There is no standard screening test for pancreatic cancer, which is why it is essential to know the symptoms and risks and to educate family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis is key for attaining successful outcomes in the treatment of pancreatic cancer. Patients diagnosed in time for surgery are more likely to live five years and beyond, and the sooner one is diagnosed, the higher the chance one will be eligible for surgery and the sooner one can receive treatment, enroll in a clinical trial, and get the support that will empower that person to fight and survive this disease; and

WHEREAS, It is important to raise awareness about pancreatic cancer on social media by following World Pancreatic Cancer Day on Twitter and Instagram @worldpancreatic and on Facebook at facebook.com/worldpancreaticcancerday <<http://facebook.com/worldpancreaticcancerday>>, and posting using the hashtags #WPCD and #DemandBetter; and

WHEREAS, Chicagoans can also make a difference by advocating for more government funding of pancreatic cancer research, especially for achieving earlier detection; and

WHEREAS, Through a combined effort, Chicagoans can bring greater attention, awareness, and better outcomes to this deadly disease and those affected by it; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of November, 2019, do hereby recognize World Pancreatic Cancer Day and its importance to fighting the world's toughest cancer.

November 13, 2019

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Presented by

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Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and Alderman Roberto Maldonado

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