

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 2010, an estimated 43,140 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, 36,800 will die from the disease, and approximately 540 of these deaths will occur in the State of Connecticut, thus making it one of the deadliest cancers and 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 75 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, Incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; 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 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 with Connecticut affiliates that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Connecticut by focusing its efforts on public policy, funding research for a cure, patient services, family support services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer, thus enhancing the good health and well-being of the residents of Connecticut as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE HONORABLE JOHN A. HARKINS, Mayor of Stratford, do designate November 2010 as

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the town of Stratford.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Stratford this 28th day of October 2010.





John A. Harkins
Mayor