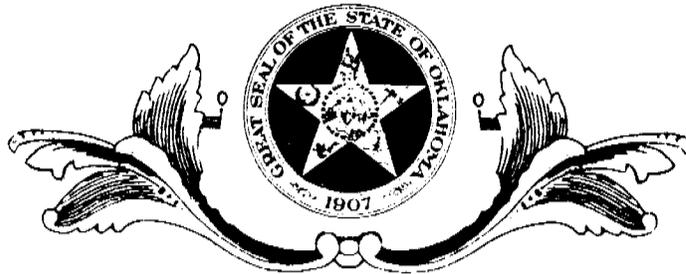


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

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% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

Whereas, incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50% higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

Whereas, approximately 400 deaths will occur in the State of Oklahoma, this year; 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% 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 Oklahoma, and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatment and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

Whereas, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as 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 the State of Oklahoma are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2011 as

"Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 26th day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and third year.

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary of State

Michelle R. Dorn

Governor

Mary Fallin

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