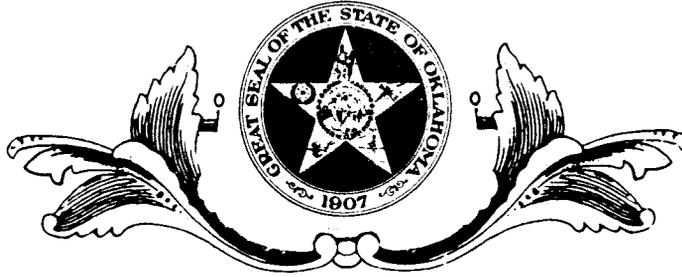


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Proclamation

Whereas, in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease; and

Whereas, pancreatic cancer is 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 73 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, approximately 440 deaths will occur in the state of Oklahoma in 2013; and

Whereas, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020; and

Whereas, the United States Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

Whereas, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Oklahoma and nationwide through a comprehensive approach which includes 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 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 2013 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.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 13th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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