



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# 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 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 because seventy-three percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and ninety-four percent die within the first five years; and
- WHEREAS: There is no cure for pancreatic cancer, and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last forty years; and
- WHEREAS: In 2012, the United States Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks and strategic plans for pancreatic and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the direction and guidance needed to make progress against these diseases; and
- WHEREAS: The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is a national patient advocacy organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Minnesota 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 Minnesota support patients currently battling pancreatic cancer and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and
- WHEREAS: The health and wellbeing of the residents of Minnesota are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2013, as:

## PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE