

STATE of MINNESOTA

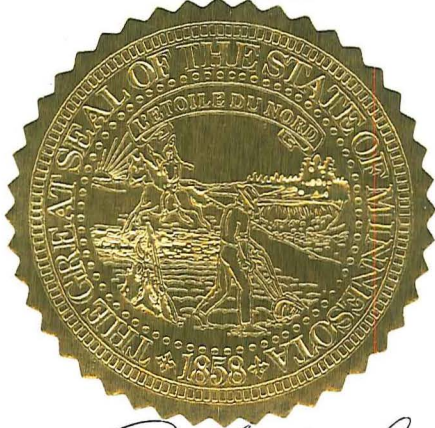
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and 39,390 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, as seventy-four 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: Of all the racial and ethnic groups in the United States, African Americans have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer; 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: Pancreatic cancer research constitutes only approximately two 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 that serves 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 November 29, 2012 as:

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY

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 19th day of November.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE