



A proclamation supporting November as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Castle Pines North, Colorado

WHEREAS, over 42,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and over 35,000 will die of the disease; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and,

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only three to six months; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests less money in pancreatic research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and,

WHEREAS, in January 2009 the first federal substantive legislation dedicated to advancing pancreatic cancer research (H.R. 745) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives; and,


WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of the City of Castle Pines North and state of Colorado are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and,

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in November is nationally recognized through the efforts of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network; and,


WHEREAS, the Governor has designated the month of November, 2009 "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Colorado,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City Council of Castle Pines North, Colorado, that November, 2009 is hereby declared "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Castle Pines North and all citizens are urged to help raise awareness of pancreatic cancer through increased knowledge of this disease and early detection, and to support efforts being made in the U.S. Congress to increase funding for research and education.

Attest:



Janie Berry
City Clerk



Maureen A. Shul
Mayor of Castle Pines North