



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

WHEREAS, an estimated 43,140 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and 36,800 will die of 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, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection or survival rates in the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and 75 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, the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers, with pancreatic research constituting only 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding; and

WHEREAS, in January 2009 the first substantive federal legislation dedicated to advancing pancreatic cancer research was introduced in Congress (*Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act; S.3320/H.R.745*) and is still pending passage; 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, whose 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City Council of the City of Castle Pines North, Colorado, that November, 2010 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 the disease and early detection, and to support efforts being made in the U.S. Congress to increase funding for research and education.

Attest:

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Sharon DeRouen
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey T. Huff".

Jeffrey T. Huff
Mayor of Castle Pines North