



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Declaring the month of November 2013 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the city of Madison.

Body

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, the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and,

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, 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 770 deaths from pancreatic cancer will occur in Wisconsin 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 U.S. by 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. 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 Madison and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that 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 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Wisconsin support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and,

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Madison are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council designate November 2013 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the city of Madison.