

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** in 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease;
- WHEREAS,** pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020;
- WHEREAS,** pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;
- WHEREAS,** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally 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;
- WHEREAS,** approximately 880 deaths will occur in Washington State in 2014;
- WHEREAS,** the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* was signed into law in 2013, 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 Poulsbo, WA 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;
- WHEREAS,** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Poulsbo, WA 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;
- WHEREAS,** the good health and well-being of the residents of Poulsbo, WA are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore be it

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 as:

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of Poulsbo and I encourage all citizens to recognize this event.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2014



REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR