

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 and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just 6 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 approximately 1,620 deaths will occur in Ohio 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 possibly as early as 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Westerville 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 Westerville are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments. NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2013, as

***“PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”***

in Westerville and urge our citizens to join together to raise public awareness of the symptoms, prevention and treatment of pancreatic cancer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 4th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor