



City of St. Charles  
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# Proclamation

## PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS,** in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in the United States and 37,390 will die from the disease, with approximately 1,580 deaths occurring in Illinois in 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** Pancreatic Cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, it's 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 six percent; and

**WHEREAS,** when symptoms of Pancreatic Cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 74 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. 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 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Government invests significantly less money in Pancreatic Cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and Pancreatic Cancer research constitutes only approximately 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the Pancreatic Cancer community in St. Charles 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 good health and well-being of the residents of St. Charles are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about Pancreatic Cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, designate the month of **November 2012** as "**Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**" in St. Charles, Illinois.

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

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