

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, an estimated 44,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660 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. There is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years. The incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; 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 cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only 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 first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, 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 the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2011, as

## PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me to increase pancreatic cancer awareness in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor