



PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK

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Dear Mayor Fritz Haemmerle:

As your constituent, I am writing on behalf of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the estimated 38,460 Americans who will die of pancreatic cancer in 2013, approximately 200 of whom live in Idaho. In 2013, pancreatic cancer will afflict more than 45,220 Americans, 73% of whom will die within one year of their diagnosis, and 94% of whom will die within five years of diagnosis.

My wife Nancy and I moved to this great area twelve years ago because I was selected to be the principal at Bellevue and Woodside Elementary schools. I had to retire in 2009 because of my diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. I am only five months away from being a five year survivor due to excellent care I have received. More attention to this awful disease is needed locally and nationally so we will be able to know it, fight it and end it.

To date, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and it is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent. Furthermore, 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. We need your help to shine a spotlight on this disease and finally make progress in developing treatments and early detection tools. By issuing a proclamation supporting the observance of November 2013 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Blaine County, you can help us to raise awareness in our community.

I have attached a draft of the proclamation text for your review. I am happy to provide additional official Pancreatic Cancer Action Network material, including pancreatic cancer facts and statistics and NCI funding information, upon request.

We request that one original of the proclamation to be made available for our records. Please contact me at 578-3589 or garystgeorge@yahoo.com with any questions. I look forward to working with you to issue a proclamation that will recognize November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and bring much needed attention to this deadly disease. Thank you for your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

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City of Hailey Proclamation .

Declaring the month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the [City of Hailey].

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;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, 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 six percent;

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;

WHEREAS approximately 200 deaths will occur in Idaho in 2013;

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;

WHEREAS the U.S. Congress passed the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific frameworks, 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 [City of Hailey] 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 [City of Hailey] 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 [City of Hailey] 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 City Council] designate the month of November 2013 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in [City of Hailey].

Dated this 4th day of November, 2013 and approved by the Hailey City Council in their regularly scheduled meeting.

Fritz X. Haemmerle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cone, City Clerk