



**PROCLAMATION**  
**November 2012-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; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 2,670 pancreatic cancer related deaths will occur in Florida in 2012; and

**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 survival rate in the single digits at only 6 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United States, African Americans have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer, with the rate being between 34 percent and 70 percent higher than the other groups; and

**WHEREAS**, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, an optimistic prognosis is unlikely, 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, and 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Sumter County by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Sumter County support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost loved ones to this disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIMS THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012 AS:**

**Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2012, Sumter County Florida.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMTER COUNTY

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Connie Webb  
Deputy Clerk

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Garry Breeden  
Chairman