

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

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, it 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; 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

WHEREAS, approximately 2,770 deaths will occur in Florida 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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop 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 the City of Gainesville 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 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in the City of Gainesville 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 Gainesville are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November, 2013 as

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting medical research in order to finally eliminate the suffering and death from pancreatic cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 17th day of September, A.D., 2013.



Ed B. Braddy

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Mayor