

State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

**PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2013**

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, 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; 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 200 pancreatic cancer deaths will occur in New Hampshire 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 United States by 2020; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act in 2012, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plan, 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 New Hampshire and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, as well as 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 New Hampshire support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as the loved ones of those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

WHEREAS, The good health and wellbeing of the residents of New Hampshire are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments for this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 2013** as **PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and urge all residents to recognize the need to bring awareness to the fight against this deadly disease.

Given this 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor