



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano

Recognizing Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Whereas, pancreatic cancer has one of the lowest survival rates of all major cancers - 73 percent die within one year of diagnosis and the five-year survival rate is just seven percent. 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, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, established in 1999, is the national organization creating hope in a comprehensive way through research, patient support, community outreach, and advocacy for a cure. The organization raises money for direct private funding of research—and advocates for more aggressive federal research funding of medical breakthroughs in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of pancreatic cancer; and

Whereas, local residents, pancreatic cancer survivors, and volunteers with the Twin Cities Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network will join thousands of people at more than 50 PurpleLight events taking place in communities across the country in late October through early November to call attention to one of our nation's deadliest cancers – pancreatic cancer; and

Whereas, The event will commence National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in November by remembering those who have lost their battle against pancreatic cancer and honor our inspiring pancreatic cancer survivors; and

Whereas, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network advocates enabled the passage of the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act on January 2, 2013, which directs the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks (strategic plans) that will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress on pancreatic and other deadly cancers; and

Whereas, Patient Central is a comprehensive service providing patients and families with immediate and free information and education about pancreatic cancer, diagnosis, treatment options, clinical trials, diet and nutrition, specialists, and support resources; and

Whereas, Patient Central has served more than 80,000 patients and families since the program was started in 2002;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council declares November 1, 2015, to be Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Day and that the 35W Bridge shall be lit in purple on this day.

Passed this 11th Day of September, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk