

**In Recognition of
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 [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 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 the city of Fort Lauderdale 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 Fort Lauderdale 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 Fort Lauderdale are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **November 2013 as:**

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and urge our citizens to participate in activities that will bring awareness of causes, early detection, and effective treatments of pancreatic cancer.

DATED this, the 15th day of October 2013.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

