



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Report in Brief

Staff has been contacted by Woodland resident Anthony Reyes of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network with a request for the City Council to proclaim November 2009 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. As the City Council has issued such proclamations previously in order to generate awareness of various health, safety and educational issues, staff worked with Mr. Reyes to schedule presentation of the attached proclamation for the November 17 Council meeting.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached proclamation recognizing November 2009 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Background

Each year over 42,000 people are diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer which is the deadliest form of cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Approximately 76% of Pancreatic Cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95% die within the first five years. The high rate of death occurs because by the time Pancreatic Cancer symptoms become evident, the disease has progressed to the point that treatment is difficult and the prognosis for most patients is a life expectancy of 3-6 months. This disease is especially challenging for the African American community because the incidence rate is 50% higher than other ethnic groups. There is no known cure for Pancreatic Cancer at the present time; the best way to challenge this disease is to create awareness and work with organizations that are advocates for research funding and public education. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is an advocacy organization dedicated to generating support for research and education regarding this disease.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached proclamation recognizing November 2009 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Mark G. Deven
City Manager

Attachment

**PROCLAMATION
PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2009**

- WHEREAS,** over 42,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and over 35,000 will die from the disease;
- WHEREAS,** pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States;
- WHEREAS,** 76 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;
- WHEREAS,** there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods or survival rates in the last 30 years;
- WHEREAS,** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only three to six months;
- WHEREAS,** incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups;
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Government invests less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers;
- WHEREAS,** the good health and well-being of the residents of Woodland are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments;
- WHEREAS,** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Woodland, California and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;
- WHEREAS,** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Woodland, California 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.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Woodland City Council designate the month November 2009 “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in Woodland, California.

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

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Estimated Cancer Deaths By States (2009) In Order of National Mortality

State	All Sites	Lung & Bronchus	Colon & Rectum	Female Breast	Pancreas	Prostate	Leukemia	Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma	Liver	Ovary	Brain/ Nervous System
Alabama	9900	3140	940	700	550	510	340	290	280	270	200
Alaska	830	220	70	60	50	†	†	†	†	†	†
Arizona	10,260	2,820	970	740	630	580	410	350	360	290	280
Arkansas	6,230	2,160	580	410	400	340	250	200	190	130	130
California	54,600	12,750	4,830	4,030	3,740	2,780	2,200	1,900	2,450	1,580	1,460
Colorado	6,740	1,670	670	520	430	350	300	230	210	210	200
Connecticut	6,990	1,810	550	480	540	390	270	220	210	180	150
Delaware	1,860	590	150	110	110	90	70	50	50	†	50
Dist. Of Columbia	970	240	100	70	60	60	50	†	†	†	†
Florida	41,270	12,210	3,460	2,730	2,470	2,280	1,650	1,560	1,300	970	810
Georgia	14,970	4,660	1,370	1,130	870	800	550	460	400	400	320
Hawaii	2,270	570	210	140	170	100	80	80	120	50	†
Idaho	2,450	630	200	160	200	160	120	80	80	50	90
Illinois	23,220	6,460	2,260	1,770	1,560	1,150	950	770	700	600	470
Indiana	12,820	4,000	1,130	860	770	520	520	420	350	340	290
Iowa	6,360	1,760	600	400	380	330	300	280	150	170	160
Kansas	5,290	1,620	510	370	330	210	200	180	140	150	150
Kentucky	9,410	3,430	840	590	500	390	320	300	240	210	150
Louisiana	8,810	2,700	910	690	530	450	310	310	330	210	210
Maine	3,190	980	260	180	200	160	110	90	80	70	80
Maryland	10,320	2,880	940	810	690	550	390	300	320	260	200
Massachusetts	13,140	3,610	1,070	870	880	540	490	430	420	350	270
Michigan	20,450	5,840	1,720	1,350	1,250	820	820	710	610	520	490
Minnesota	9,020	2,380	760	600	580	410	370	320	260	240	230
Mississippi	6,090	2,030	600	430	350	300	220	180	190	140	160
Missouri	12,620	4,100	1,100	890	750	660	530	430	360	290	270
Montana	1,980	550	170	120	120	120	90	70	50	50	50
Nebraska	3,360	890	350	210	190	200	150	130	80	90	80
Nevada	4,600	1,340	500	330	280	230	140	130	160	120	120
New Hampshire	2,620	750	220	170	170	130	100	60	70	60	70
New Jersey	16,480	4,190	1,580	1,470	1,060	660	610	610	540	450	320
New Mexico	3,300	710	320	240	220	210	120	110	150	90	80
New York	34,190	8,780	3,110	2,550	2,360	1,470	1,380	1,430	1,210	970	790
North Carolina	18,550	5,630	1,410	1,310	1,090	860	640	530	470	430	330
North Dakota	1,300	370	120	80	90	100	50	†	†	†	†
Ohio	24,350	7,300	2,210	1,790	1,430	1,200	890	740	640	580	550
Oklahoma	7,420	2,390	600	520	380	280	290	240	200	170	170
Oregon	7,380	2,140	610	500	470	390	290	330	210	220	210
Pennsylvania	28,690	8,090	2,550	2,070	1,920	1,440	1,080	1,090	790	760	550
Rhode Island	2,220	560	160	130	120	100	90	70	70	60	50
South Carolina	9,100	2,880	780	640	530	420	330	310	250	210	190
South Dakota	1,640	450	150	100	100	100	60	70	†	50	†
Tennessee	13,340	4,520	1,140	910	730	570	480	440	350	310	350
Texas	36,030	9,780	3,140	2,570	2,120	1,700	1,430	1,300	1,650	890	850
Utah	2,760	480	240	260	190	170	130	130	70	90	100
Vermont	1,150	350	120	80	70	60	60	†	†	†	†
Virginia	13,920	4,250	1,270	1,140	880	620	500	410	390	380	290
Washington	11,210	3,090	940	790	710	680	450	410	410	340	380
West Virginia	4,530	1,500	430	280	210	140	140	180	110	120	90
Wisconsin	11,170	2,910	900	750	710	500	500	400	320	300	260
Wyoming	990	260	100	60	60	†	†	†	†	†	†
United States	562,340	159,390	49,920	40,170	35,240	27,360	21,870	19,500	18,160	14,600	12,920

* Rounded to nearest 10. † Estimate is fewer than 50 deaths.

Note: State estimates may not sum to US total due to rounding and exclusion of state estimates fewer than 50 deaths.

Source: US Mortality Data, 1969-2006, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009.

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