

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
"PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN IDAHO.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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 6%; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 74% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; 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 possibly as early as 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers, and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only approximately 2% of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Idaho 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 Idaho support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer as well as 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 Idaho are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the month of November is hereby declared as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Idaho.