

Legislation Text

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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION supporting the efforts of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to promote awareness of pancreatic cancer and declaring November 2013 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Jackson County.

RESOLUTION NO. 18280, October 14, 2013

INTRODUCED BY Theresa Garza Ruiz, County Legislator

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, one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits, at just six percent; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 820 pancreatic related deaths will occur in Missouri each year; and,

WHEREAS, the incidence of 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 in the U.S. by 2020; and,

WHEREAS, federal funding for medical research is critical to job protection and creation in Missouri;

and,

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Jackson County and nationwide, through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient service, 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 Jackson County 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 Jackson County 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 County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby encourages the support of sustained adequate funding for the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute and hereby designates the month of November 2013 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Jackson County.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chief Deputy County Counselor

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18280 of October 14, 2013, as duly passed on <u>October 14, 2013</u> by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas <u>8</u> Nays <u>0</u>

 Abstaining
 0
 Excused
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Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature