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Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: November 13, 2012

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner – Precinct 2

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012 AS "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN TRAVIS COUNTY.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

N/A

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

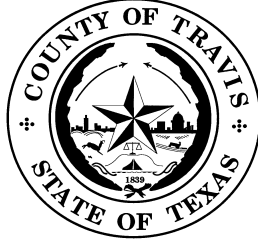
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REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

Resolution



DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012, AS "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN TRAVIS COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 2012, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,390 will die from the disease;

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;

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 74 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;

WHEREAS, approximately 2,240 deaths will occur in Texas in 2012;

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, possibly as early 2015;

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 two percent 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;

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Travis County 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;

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Travis County 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;

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Travis 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 THAT WE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, do hereby declare the month of November 2012, as **PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Travis County.

Signed and entered this 13th day of November 2012.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
Travis County Judge

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