## Mayoral Proclamation Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month November 2010

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, an estimated 43,140 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 36,800 will die from the disease, 1330 deaths will occur in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves 75 percent of patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of patients die within the first five years, and the incidence of the disease is almost 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer, and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years, the Federal Government invests less money in research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers, and only 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding goes to pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Novi 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, David B. Landry, Mayor of Novi, proclaim the month of November 2010 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Novi. I encourage all residents to support pancreatic cancer research in an effort to make progress toward early detection, effective treatment and ultimately a cure for the disease. Signed and sealed this 25th day of October, Two Thousand and Ten.

David B. Landry Mayor