

*Mayoral Proclamation
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
November 2011*

WHEREAS, in 2011, an estimated 43,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660 will die from the disease, 1,670 deaths will occur in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves 74 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 34 to 70 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; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Michigan 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, David B. Landry, Mayor of Novi, proclaim the month of November 2011 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 17th day of October, Two Thousand and Eleven.

David B. Landry
Mayor