

Office of the Mayor  
Tomball, Texas

# Proclamation



- 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, making pancreatic cancer one of the deadliest cancers, as the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just 6 percent; and
- WHEREAS** symptoms of pancreatic cancer usually present at a late stage, 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and
- WHEREAS** approximately 2,940 deaths will occur in Texas in 2013, 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; and
- WHEREAS** the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases and provide the federal funding so critical to job protection and creation in Texas; and
- WHEREAS** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Tomball 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—however, it will be very difficult to leverage opportunities coming out of the scientific framework developed as a result of the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act unless sustained and adequate funding is provided to the National Institutes of Health and National Cancer Institute; and
- WHEREAS** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Tomball 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 Tomball are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

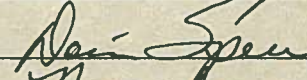
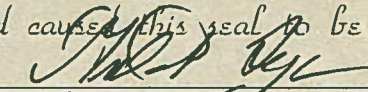
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Fagan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as **Mayor of the City of Tomball**, on behalf of the Tomball City Council and all citizens hereof, do hereby proclaim the month of **November 2013** as:

## “PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

ATTEST:

DATE:



November 1, 2013

