

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1064

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution designating November 2010 as
8 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; and directing
9 distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, in 2009, over 42,000 people were diagnosed with
12 pancreatic cancer in the United States and over 35,000 died from the
13 disease; and

14 WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and
15 the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, 76 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the
17 first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer
18 patients die within the first five years; and

19 WHEREAS, incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50
20 percent higher in African-Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

21 WHEREAS, approximately 380 deaths occurred in the State of
22 Oklahoma as a result of pancreatic cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have
2 been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 30
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves,
5 it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average
6 life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only
7 three to six months; and

8 WHEREAS, the federal government invests less money in pancreatic
9 cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer
10 killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes less than 2
11 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding,
12 a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its
13 mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

14 WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and
15 only national patient advocacy organization that serves the
16 pancreatic cancer community in the State of Oklahoma and nationwide
17 by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient
18 services, and public awareness and education related to developing
19 effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates
21 in the State of Oklahoma support those patients currently battling
22 pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the
23 disease, and are committed to nothing else than a cure.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates the month of November
5 2010 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of
6 Oklahoma.

7 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jay Stern,
8 Oklahoma Affiliate Coordinator of the Pancreatic Cancer Action
9 Network.

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