

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States and is anticipated to become the second in the next few years; and
- Whereas,** Pancreatic cancer is one of world's toughest cancer, with a five-year survival rate of just 11%; and
- Whereas,** in 2022, an estimated 62,210 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and approximately 49,830 will die from the disease; and
- Whereas,** Pancreatic cancer is the eighth most commonly diagnosed cancer in women and the tenth most commonly diagnosed cancer in men; and
- Whereas,** risk factors for developing pancreatic cancer include family history of the disease, age, chronic or hereditary pancreatitis, smoking, obesity and long-standing diabetes; and
- Whereas,** Pancreatic cancer may cause only vague symptoms that could indicate many different conditions within the abdomen or gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms include pain (usually abdominal or back pain), weight loss, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), loss of appetite, nausea, changes in stool and recent on-set diabetes; and
- Whereas,** the location of the pancreas deep in the abdominal cavity is a factor hindering early detection of pancreatic cancer; and
- Whereas,** there are complex biological features of pancreatic tumor that distinguish it from many other cancer types; and
- Whereas,** the good health and well-being of the citizens of West Virginia are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments; and
- Whereas,** this month brings support to those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their battle to this disease.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 2022* as:


Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State