

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming November 17, 2016 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the City of New Castle, Delaware

WHEREAS, in 2016, an estimated 53,070 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, and 41,780 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer surpassed breast cancer this year to become the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and it is projected to become the second leading cause by 2020; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just eight percent; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and 71 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, approximately 140 deaths will occur in Delaware in 2016; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world; and

WHEREAS, there will be an estimated 418,451 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of the City of New Castle are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of New Castle hereby proclaims November 17, 2016 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the City of New Castle, Delaware.

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

John A. Di Mondì, Councilperson

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Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson

Attest:

Janet E. Wurtzel, City Clerk