

PROCLAMATION

Declaring November 21, 2019 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day

WHEREAS, in 2019, an estimated 56,770 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 45,750 will die from the disease, according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is projected to become the second leading cause around 2020; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits, at just 9 percent; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 91 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, while overall cancer incidences and cancer death rates are declining, the incidence of pancreatic cancer and death rate for pancreatic cancer patients has been increasing. The number of new pancreatic cancer incidences has been increasing and is projected to increase by 55 percent between now and 2030; and

WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents 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, I, Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor of New Castle, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 21, 2019 as:

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

In the City of New Castle

Michael J. Quaranta
Mayor
November 12, 2019