

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death and is projected to be the second leading cause by 2020, and in 2017, an estimated 53,670 Americans will be diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is sometimes too late for an optimistic prognosis, and as one of the deadliest cancers, approximately 71 percent of pancreatic cancer patients will die from the disease within the first year of diagnosis, and the five-year survival rate is only nine percent; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is difficult to diagnose and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last four decades. In 2013, the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* was signed into federal law, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other hard to treat and deadly cancers, whereby providing the direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the **Pancreatic Cancer Action Network** is the leading national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of our community are enhanced by increased awareness about pancreatic cancer, and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and their affiliates in Tampa, Florida support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer as well as honor those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

WHEREAS, the month of November has been designated as **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month** with November 16, 2017 named **World Pancreatic Cancer Day**, and annually, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network hosts *PurpleStride Tampa Bay*, a 5K Run & Family-Friendly Walk in the Tampa Bay area, joining cities across the nation in an effort to raise awareness and needed funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

“PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in doing their part in supporting the efforts to raise awareness, develop early detection methods, treatments and encourage all endeavors to find a cure.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of October, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

