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Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the United States in 2011, an estimated 43,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 37,700 will die from the disease; and

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

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis; and 74% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of diagnosis while 94% die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, African Americans have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer, between 34 and 70% higher than other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the federal government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and

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

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Sparks support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim November, 2011

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 24th day of October, 2011.


GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk

