



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2012 in the United States, an estimated 43,920 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 37,390 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 75 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent die within the first five years; 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 pancreatic cancer research constitutes only 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; 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 to 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, 2012 as:

"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 10th day of September, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geno R. Martini".

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda K. Patterson".
LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk