Dear Ms. Sawyer-Norton,

I am Kathleen Sherrill with the South Carolina affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN). I lost my mother in 2022 from pancreatic cancer within one month of diagnosis. Like many people, I did not know much about pancreatic cancer and the high mortality rate until she was diagnosed and I started doing research. In representing this community-based advocacy and support group, I'd like to request your partnership in our November Awareness Campaign. Would you join the PanCAN South Carolina affiliate by issuing a proclamation to your community declaring November 19th as World Pancreatic Cancer Day?

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) works to create a world in which all pancreatic cancer patients can thrive. PanCAN works to improve the lives of everyone impacted by pancreatic cancer by advancing scientific research, building community, sharing knowledge, and advocating for patients. Pancreatic cancer will take the lives of 960 South Carolinians in the coming year. Though the 5-year survival rate has risen from 2% to 13% over the past ten years, we can do better. The PanCAN 2030 goal is a 5-year survival rate of 20+%.

We are looking for the support of residents across our state to build a "caring community" that understands the toll this disease takes and the hope we can find in supporting research. We are encouraged by new, promising research including that being done in our own state by MUSC Hollings Cancer Center.

To join this Awareness Campaign, please respond by November 1st using the email address below. A proclamation template is attached for your use. If you have a presentation of the proclamation, we would love to see if one of our affiliate members could attend. Please share your participation in this campaign using your social media and community news outlets. We'll also recognize your community proclamation on our Facebook page. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I have also attached a poster showing the 7 steps we can take to reduce our risk of pancreatic cancer.

With appreciation for your time and looking forward to your response,

Kathleen Sherrill
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7 STEPS
TO REDUCE YOUR RISK FOR PANCREATIC CANCER

PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK®

1 Know the Symptoms



Symptoms include abdominal pain, back pain, nausea, poor appetite, weight loss, stool changes, diabetes and yellowing of skin/eyes (jaundice).

2 Make Healthy Food Choices



Eat fruits and vegetables at every meal. These foods have vitamins and minerals that can help to reduce your risk for cancer.

3 Get Moving



Regular physical activity improves your body's ability to fight off illness. It also reduces your risk for pancreatic and other cancers.

4 Limit Alcohol



Drinking a lot of alcohol may increase your risk for pancreatic cancer. Occasional drinks are fine.

5 Don't Use Tobacco Products



Cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco increase your risk for pancreatic cancer.

6 Be Mindful of Your Weight



If you are overweight, work on shedding some of those extra pounds. Even losing a small amount of excess weight can benefit your health.

7 Learn Your Family History and Get an Annual Check-up



Tell your healthcare provider about your family history. Ask about steps to take to reduce your risk.

For more information, visit pancan.org
For questions, contact us at 877-2-PANCAN

Contact PanCAN Patient Services M – F, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. PT, at **877-2-PANCAN** or **patientservices@pancan.org**. Hablamos español.

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PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK

City of Mullins Proclamation

RESOLUTION

Declaring November 19 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the City of Mullins.

WHEREAS in 2026, an estimated **67,530** people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and **52,740** will die from the disease;

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 2030;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate at just **13 percent;**

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and **87 percent** of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS approximately **960 deaths** will occur in South Carolina in 2026;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is **the sixth most common** cause of cancer-related death across the world;

WHEREAS there were an estimated **510,992 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2022;**

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Mullins are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms and risks of pancreatic cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that I, Miko Pickett, Mayor of the City of Mullins, proclaim November 19 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the City of Mullins.

Signature