## **RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 151**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2014 AS "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, in 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease; and

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

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

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,890 deaths will occur in Florida in 2014; and WHEREAS, the *The Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* was signed into law in 2013, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Nassau County and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes 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 Nassau County 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; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Nassau County are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County

Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 25th day of November 2014,

that Nassau County hereby declares November 2014 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness

Month" in Nassau County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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