

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-168**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF  
NOVEMBER AS "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, an estimated 44,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660 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 of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS**, incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 2,600 pancreatic cancer deaths will occur in Florida in 2011; 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 Research & Education Act (S. 362/H.R. 733) requires that the National Cancer Institute develop a strategic plan for combating pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Nassau County and nationwide 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 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.

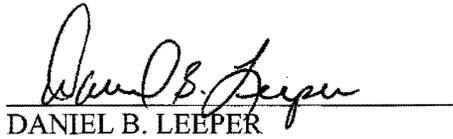
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

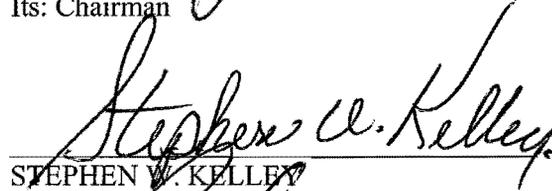
The Board of County Commissioners designates the month of November, 2011  
"Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Nassau County, Florida.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

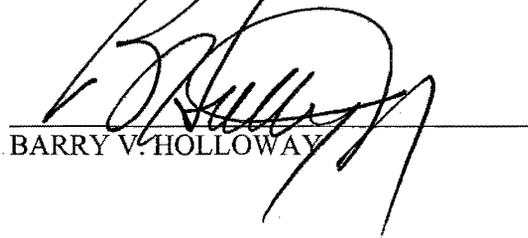
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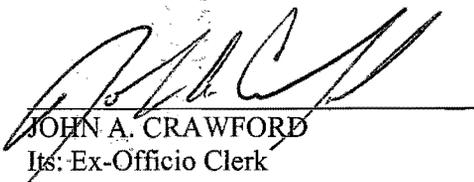
  
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