Resolution #2013 - 118

Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Declaring the Month of November as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Borough of Mount Arlington

WHEREAS, in 2013, as estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and 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 1,180 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks 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 the Borough of Mount Arlington and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that incudes public policy, research funding, patient series, 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 the Bough of Mount Arlington 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 the Borough of Mount Arlington 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 Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington designate the month of November 2013 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Borough of Mount Arlington, New Jersey.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of Borough of Mount Arlington at a regular meeting held on November 14, 2013.

Linda DeSantis, RMC