

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: November 16, 2011 Division: MAYOR/BOCC 3

Bulk Item: Yes  No  Department: Heather Carruthers\_Dist 3  
presentation

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Presentation of Mayor's Proclamation declaring November 2011 as PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Monroe County.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:**0 **INDIRECT COST:** 0 **BUDGETED:** Yes  No

**DIFFERENTIAL OF LOCAL PREFERENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COST TO COUNTY:** 0 **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes  No  **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty \_\_\_\_\_ OMB/Purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included  Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAYOR'S  
PROCLAMATION**

**PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
November 2011**

*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, approximately 2600 within the State of Florida; 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* 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 and its affiliates in Monroe County serves the pancreatic cancer community in Monroe 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;

*NOW THEREFORE*, be it resolved that Heather Carruthers, Mayor of Monroe County, proclaims November 2011 as

**PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of Monroe County, Florida this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.

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Heather Carruthers, Mayor