

Substitute for House Resolution No. 183.

A resolution to declare November 13, 2015, as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Michigan are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

Whereas, In 2015, an estimated 48,960 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 40,560 will die from the disease; and

Whereas, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is currently 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 seven percent; and

Whereas, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage. Seventy-two percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 93 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

Whereas, It is estimated in Michigan that 1,750 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2015 resulting in 1,480 deaths. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recorded 1,338 deaths related to pancreatic cancer in 2012 and 1,444 in 2013; and

Whereas, Pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world and there will be an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed globally in 2015; and

Whereas, Health professionals and health advocates across the country have joined together to sponsor activities for public education about pancreatic cancer; and

Whereas, World Pancreatic Cancer Day helps educate communities about pancreatic cancer and increases the awareness that surrounds it. The importance of education and knowledge about the disease cannot be overstated and contributes to the ability to lead a healthy, balanced, and productive life; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature is strongly dedicated to preserving the health of the residents of this state and in supporting the fight against pancreatic cancer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 13, 2015, World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage increased public awareness and promotion of treatment and recovery.