

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, an estimated 45,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,000 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 74 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**, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United States, African-Americans have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer, between 32 percent and 66 percent higher than other groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Sycamore Township 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 Sycamore Township support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as families of 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 Sycamore Township 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 PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township that the month of November, 2013 is "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Sycamore Township, Ohio

**PASSED**, at the meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

  
Thomas J. Weidman, President

  
Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

  
Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

**ATTEST:**

  
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
R. Douglas Miller, Law Director