



Proclamation

Presented to the

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer, a relatively rare but very aggressive disease, is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths with a low survival rate of 8 percent; and

WHEREAS, the cause of most pancreatic cancers is unknown and symptoms are usually subtle, making early diagnosis difficult; and

WHEREAS, approximately 230 lives in Hawai'i were lost to pancreatic cancer in 2016, and more than 53,000 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working together to advance research, support patients and create hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is to double the pancreatic cancer survival rate by the year 2020, investing in research to develop early detection tools and better treatment options for patients ; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 patients and their family members receive current and reliable information on treatment options and access to a clinical trials database free of charge through the Network's Patient & Liaison Services; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network awarded nearly \$23 million in research grants to 110 scientists who were committed to changing patient outcomes by gaining a better understanding of genetics and other risk factors that may lead to improved prevention and new therapies; and

WHEREAS, advocacy efforts have led to the passing of the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act in 2012, requiring the National Cancer Institute to develop a strategic plan on how to fight pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, November 17, 2016 is designated as World Pancreatic Cancer Day, a day where we will unite and raise awareness about pancreatic cancer to help save lives and create a brighter future for people around the globe;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

"PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i on behalf of K. Mark Takai who passed away on July 20, 2016 from pancreatic cancer and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to wage hope together and join us in the fight against this disease.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this twenty-first day of October 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i