



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2009, over 42,000 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and over 35,000 died from the disease; and pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and 76 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 430 deaths occurred in Colorado in 2009; and there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only three to six months; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Grand Junction, Colorado 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 Grand Junction, Colorado 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 an cure; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Grand Junction, Colorado are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Coons, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim November 2010 as

“PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to be aware of the importance of early detection of pancreatic cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1st day of November 2010.

Mayor

