



No. 14-62

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER, 2013**

WHEREAS, in 2013 an estimated 44,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and 38,460 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, Pancreatic Cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of Pancreatic Cancer present themselves it is late stage, 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, approximately 2669 deaths will occur in Florida in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the incidence and death rates for Pancreatic Cancer are increasing, and Pancreatic Cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020, and possibly as early as 2015; 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 approximately 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 Action Network is the national organization serving the Pancreatic Cancer community in Broward County and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes 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 Broward County 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 a cure; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Broward County are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about Pancreatic Cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares its support of November 2013 as

"PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS" MONTH

And urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to support education leading to more awareness of Pancreatic Cancer,

Given in Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 15th day of October 2013.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Laurie Rich Levinson

Laurie Rich Levinson, Chair

ATTEST: Robert W. Runcie

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools