MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS in 2011, an estimated 43,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States;

WHEREAS approximately 790 deaths will occur in Washington State in 2011;

WHEREAS there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Bellingham 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;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Bellingham 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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim November, 2011 to be

“PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Bellingham, WA.

Signed this 21st Day of November, 2011

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham