MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 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 850 deaths will occur in Washington State in 2013, 73% of new pancreatic cancer patients will die within one year of diagnosis and 94% within five years;

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, 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 Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim November, 2013 to be

“PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Bellingham, WA.

Signed this 7th Day of November, 2013

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham