



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 73

November 1, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, POPE-ROBERTS, VRUWINK, ROYS, ZEPNICK, KERKMAN, ZIEGELBAUER, GRIGSBY, LITJENS, TRANEL, C. TAYLOR, HINTZ, JORGENSEN, HEBL, RINGHAND, BROOKS, STASKUNAS, MARKLEIN, ENDSLEY and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT, LAZICH, MILLER, LASEE, OLSEN, S. COGGS and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming November 2011 as pancreatic cancer awareness month.

2 Whereas, pancreatic cancer is the tenth most commonly diagnosed cancer and
3 the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

4 Whereas, more than 43,140 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic
5 cancer this year, and over 36,800 will die from the disease; and

6 Whereas, the number of new pancreatic cancer cases and the number of deaths
7 caused by the disease is increasing, and the expected number of new pancreatic
8 cancer cases is projected to increase by 55 percent by year 2030; and

9 Whereas, pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all cancers, with
10 75 percent of patients with pancreatic cancer expected to die within the first year of
11 diagnosis; and

12 Whereas, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer, and there have been no
13 significant improvements in early detection, treatment, or survival rates; and

14 Whereas, the disease is often diagnosed in late stages due to the location of the
15 pancreas in the body and the lack of early detection methods, and 52 percent of

1 patients are diagnosed when they have advanced disease that has already spread to
2 other organs; and

3 Whereas, historically, pancreatic cancer research has been underfunded as
4 only 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's budget is allocated to this leading
5 killer; and

6 Whereas, the good health and well-being of the residents of the state of
7 Wisconsin are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic
8 cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
11 legislature proclaims November 2011 to be pancreatic cancer awareness month and
12 encourages all citizens to increase awareness of, education for, and services for
13 pancreatic cancer in Wisconsin.

14 (END)