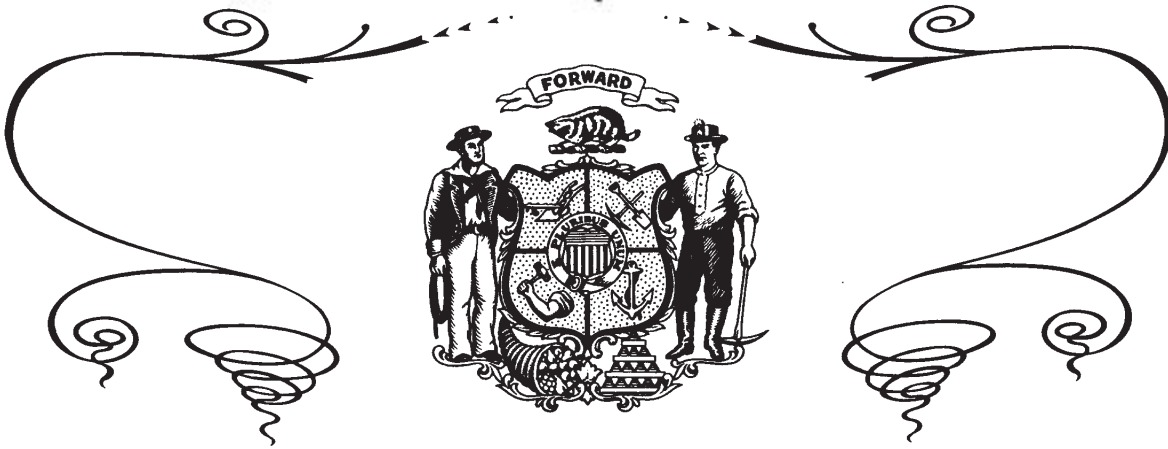


# State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 77

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Whereas, over 42,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and over 35,000 will die from the disease; and

Whereas, pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

Whereas, approximately 710 deaths will occur in 2009 in the state of Wisconsin alone due to pancreatic cancer; and

Whereas, 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, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or 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, incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

Whereas, the federal government invests less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and

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

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin legislature proclaims November 2009 to be Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to increase awareness of, education for, and services for pancreatic cancer in Wisconsin.

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Representative Michael J. Sheridan  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk