

CITY OF HARRINGTON

**PROCLAMATION
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
November 2013**

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; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths 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 already late stage, and 73 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 120 deaths from pancreatic cancer will occur in Delaware in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Harrington 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 good health and well-being of the residents of the City of Harrington are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor of the City of Harrington, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2013 as **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Harrington and urge all citizens to increase their awareness of this disease.



Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

Signed the 18th day of November, 2013.