

From the Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2013

Declaring the month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Township of Rochelle Park.

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, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death 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;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is 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;

WHEREAS approximately 1,180 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2013;

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 death in the U.S. by 2020;

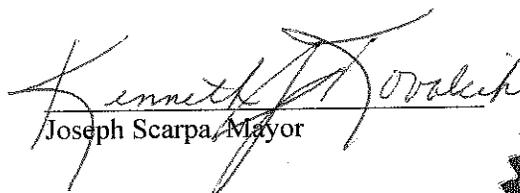
WHEREAS the U.S. Congress passed the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in the Township of Rochelle Park 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;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in the Township of Rochelle Park 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 the Township of Rochelle Park are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park designate the month of November 2013 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Township of Rochelle Park New Jersey.


Joseph Scarpa, Mayor

Dated: November 13, 2013

