

# **Declaring November 13<sup>th</sup> World Pancreatic Cancer Day In Washington Township**

**WHEREAS:** In 2015, more than 48,960 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and over 40,560 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS:** Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020. Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a 5 year relative survival rate in the single digits at just 7%; and

**WHEREAS:** When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 93% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first 5 years. Approximately 1,240 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** Pancreatic cancer is the 7<sup>th</sup> most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world; and

**WHEREAS:** There will be an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed globally in 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** The good health and well-being of the residents of Washington Township are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Barbara A. Wallace, Mayor of Washington Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey, do hereby declare November 13<sup>th</sup> as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in Washington Township.