

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Over 43,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States, and almost 37,000 will die from the disease. While it is the 10th most common cancer, pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in our nation; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 940 deaths will occur in Georgia from the disease in 2010; and

WHEREAS: Seventy-six percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent die within the first five years. 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 manifest, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with the metastasized 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 good health and well-being of Georgians is enhanced by increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2010, as PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.