

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2012 "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY"
3 IN THE SENATE AND RECOGNIZING THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION
4 NETWORK FOR ITS ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE RESEARCH, SUPPORT
5 PATIENTS AND CREATE HOPE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY PANCREATIC
6 CANCER.

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8 WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the nation's fourth
9 leading cause of cancer-related death and presents a major
10 threat to the nation's health; and

11 WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the only cancer among the
12 top ten fatal cancers in the United States with a five-year
13 survival rate in the single digits; and

14 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for pancreatic
15 cancer has not changed significantly in forty years; and

16 WHEREAS, there are no reliable early detection methods
17 and very few effective treatment options for pancreatic
18 cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, there is insufficient funding of pancreatic
20 cancer research; and

21 WHEREAS, there is no dedicated national research
22 strategy to build the scientific knowledge and collaboration
23 necessary to speed progress in the detection and treatment of
24 pancreatic cancer; and

25 WHEREAS, a sustained commitment of private investment in SM 37
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1 research and life-saving government investment in a dedicated
2 national strategy to better diagnose, treat and cure
3 pancreatic cancer is needed; and

4 WHEREAS, there is a need for increased patient
5 participation in clinical trials in order to advance research
6 and make progress in pancreatic cancer treatment; and

7 WHEREAS, it is essential for those facing a pancreatic
8 cancer diagnosis to consider clinical trials when exploring
9 treatment options; and

10 WHEREAS, the pancreatic cancer action network is a
11 nationwide network of people dedicated to working together to
12 advance research, support patients and create hope for those
13 affected by pancreatic cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, the pancreatic cancer action network's vision
15 is to double the pancreatic cancer survival rate by 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, November is "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"
17 and January 2012 has been designated "Pancreatic Cancer
18 Clinical Trials Awareness Month";

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2012 be declared
21 "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day" in the senate; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate recognize the
23 pancreatic cancer action network for its diligent efforts in
24 service of those with pancreatic cancer and their families;
25 and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the pancreatic cancer action network.