NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer remains one of the most lethal and aggressive cancers, accounting for approximately 3% of all cancers in the United States but about 8% of all cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, an estimated 67,440 Americans (34,490 men and 32,490 women) will be newly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and approximately 51,980 (27,050 men and 24,930 women) will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the five-year relative survival rate for pancreatic cancer has stalled at just 13%, and for those diagnosed with the most common form, pancreatic adenocarcinoma, it is only 8%; and

WHEREAS, diagnoses and deaths from pancreatic cancer are increasing, and pancreatic cancer is now the third-leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S., projected to become the second-leading cause in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a standard screening test and the often vague nature of symptoms lead to late diagnoses and poor outcomes; and

WHEREAS, advocacy organizations have set a national goal to raise the five-year survival rate to 20% by 2030, emphasizing the urgent need for early detection, advanced therapies, precision medicine and continued research funding; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness in North Dakota can help educate citizens, promote research, encourage early diagnosis and offer support to families affected by this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2025, PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of North Dakota.

Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

Michael Howe

SECRETARY OF STATE