

## City of Conway, Arkansas Proclamation by: Mayor Bart Castleberry

## WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Whereas,** in 2017, an estimated 53,670 people in United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers and 43,090 will die from the disease; and

Whereas, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and it is projected to become the second leading cause around 2020; and

Whereas, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five year relative survival rate in the single digits at just nine percent; and

Whereas, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and 71 percent of pancreatic cancer patients dies within the first year of their diagnosis, while 91 percent of pancreatic cancer patients dies within the first five years; and

Whereas, approximately 430 deaths will occur in Arkansas; and

**Whereas,** pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related deaths across the world: and

Whereas, there were estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed in 2015; and

Whereas, the good health and well-being of the residents of Conway are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bart Castleberry, Mayor of the City of Conway Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as:

## "WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY"

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2017

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Mayor Bart Castleberry