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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. and is projected to be the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths by 2030; and

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WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and has the lowest five-year survival rate at just 10%; and

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WHEREAS, In 2021, an estimated 60,430 U.S. residents will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and more than 48,220 will die from the disease; and

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WHEREAS, Due to increased awareness, pancreatic cancer survival rates have been improving; however, the disease is still considered largely incurable; with all stages of pancreatic cancer combined, the one-year relative survival rate is 20% and the five-year rate is 9%; and

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WHEREAS, The problem is that high-risk people are not being screened in the early and potentially curable stages of pancreatic cancer; and

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WHEREAS, Risk factors can include chronic or hereditary pancreatitis, obesity, regular consumption of high dietary fats, alcohol abuse, smoking, family history, age, and

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1 long-standing diabetes; and

2 WHEREAS, Symptoms can include abdominal pain, mid-to-upper  
3 back pain, weight loss, jaundice that is yellowing of the skin  
4 and eyes, nausea, loss of appetite, changes in stool, and  
5 new-onset diabetes; and

6 WHEREAS, Early screening will save lives; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the month of  
9 November 2021 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the  
10 State of Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN),  
13 the American Cancer Society, and Dr. Paul Grippo of the  
14 University of Illinois at Chicago with our sincere  
15 appreciation for their efforts to address pancreatic cancer.