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MAHONEY, MINER DECLARE NOVEMBER PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

*Proclamation is Part of An Effort to Increase Awareness and Education of
the Effects of Pancreatic Cancer*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner has issued a proclamation declaring November Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

"Onondaga County is proud to declare November Pancreatic Cancer Month and honor the work of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network who do excellent work increasing awareness and helping those affected by this horrible disease," said **Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney**.

"This designation will increase awareness and promote education around this devastating disease affecting people throughout our community," said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. "Pancreatic cancer has a devastating effect on those who are diagnosed with it, as well as their families and friends. I am proud to stand with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and their efforts to find a cure."

"My mom and I raise awareness for pancreatic cancer in honor of my father, Frank Pieklik, who lost his life after a short 5 month battle with the disease," said **Stephanie Pieklik**, a local activist with the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Network and Nazareth College senior. "With the help of passionate volunteers and dedicated public officials such as County Executive Mahoney and Mayor Miner, together we can create awareness and fight for those who are no longer able to fight for themselves.

This proclamation is part of a campaign to raise visibility for pancreatic cancer, which is the fourth leading cancer death in the United States. Pancreatic cancer directly affects many Central New Yorkers. The goal of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month is to create dialogue opportunities and garner support for those who suffer from pancreatic cancer.



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The text of the proclamation can be read below:

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and,

WHEREAS approximately 2500 deaths will occur in New York in 2013; and,

WHEREAS the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020; and,

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in the City of Syracuse, County of Onondaga, State of New York and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and,

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in the City of Syracuse, County of Onondaga, and State of New York support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and,

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of the City of Syracuse, County of Onondaga, and State of New York are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOANNE M. MAHONEY, County Executive of the County of Onondaga and I, STEPHANIE A. MINER, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, do hereby proclaim the month of November two thousand and thirteen as

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

In the County of Onondaga and the City of Syracuse

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of the County of Onondaga and the City of Syracuse to be imprinted this first day of November, two thousand thirteen.

[SIGNED] Joanne M. Mahoney, County Executive

[SIGNED] Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor

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