



Proclamation

Presented to

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – Hawai‘i Chapter

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PCAN) is a nationwide organization that is, “fully committed to providing the most comprehensive set of programs and services” to fight pancreatic cancer; pancreatic cancer is the fourth-leading cause of cancer death in the United States; the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that approximately 44,000 new cases of pancreatic cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2012 and more than 37,000 people will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – Hawai‘i Chapter (PCAN-HC) is a support network for those individuals affected by pancreatic cancer in our State; through the dedication and hard work of tireless volunteers, PCAN-HC is advancing research, supporting patients and creating hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer in Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – Hawai‘i Chapter utilizes social media to communicate its message and unite patients, caregivers, friends and families in an online community of support; PCAN-HC’s Facebook page, PancanHawaii, is a site on which interested persons can learn about the disease, find information about volunteer opportunities, post photographs and video clips from PCAN-HC events, suggest tips for coping with pancreatic cancer and share stories of survival and hope; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – Hawai‘i Chapter, by participating in such nationwide events as the Purple Light National Vigil of Hope, held locally at the Hawai‘i State Capitol on September 30, 2012, strives to raise awareness of the disease in an atmosphere of acceptance and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – Hawai‘i Chapter encourages the people of Hawai‘i to “wear purple” to support the cause and raise awareness of this devastating disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim November, 2012, as

“PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai‘i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to increase our personal awareness of the disease and lend support to those individuals in our community that are affected by pancreatic cancer.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-ninth day of October, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i