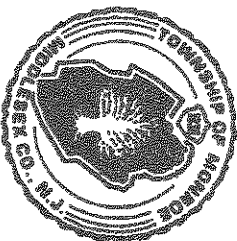


Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

November 2017

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

**WHEREAS,** pancreatic cancer surpassed breast cancer to become the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and it is projected to become the second leading cause by 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis and **71** percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while **94** percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS,** symptoms – including abdominal or back pain, weight loss, jaundice, loss of appetite, nausea, diabetes and changes in stool – are often subtle and are generally initially attributed to other less serious and more common conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** pancreatic cancer is the **7<sup>th</sup>** most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately **1,270** deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just eight percent; and

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that by 2020, 418,000 new cases will be diagnosed globally

**WHEREAS,** the good health and well-being of the residents of New Jersey are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO,** Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the month of **November** as **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month** and **Thursday, November 16, 2017** as “**World Pancreatic Cancer Day**” in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: October 18, 2017

  
Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor