

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

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Kittanning, PA – November 5, 2009 Commissioners sign into proclamation November 2009 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

At the November 5, 2009 Public Meeting the Armstrong County Commissioners signed the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation. November is National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Ms. Theresa Dukovich, a volunteer and Pittsburgh Affiliate Coordinator for Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, attended the meeting to share some statistics and her personal experience. Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer related deaths, yet research for this disease is minimally funded, receiving only two percent of the funding available for cancer research. There is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 30 years. Ms. Dukovich's mother suffered from pancreatic cancer and passed away seven months after being diagnosed.

Many Americans have gained awareness of pancreatic cancer through Professor Randy Pausch, of Carnegie Mellon University and author of The Last Lecture. The Pausch family has shared their struggle and eventual loss of their husband / father. They continue their efforts to help bring awareness to the need for advancement in early detection and treatment.

Anyone wishing to learn more information about the efforts for advancement, planned events, survivor stories, and tips for healthier living and diet can log onto the official website at: www.pancan.org

