

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2025 –

WHEREAS, November is nationally recognized as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month each year to increase awareness of pancreatic cancer and raise money for research; and

WHEREAS, the pancreas is an organ in the body that is about six inches long and located deep between the stomach and the spine and helps with digestion by breaking down food and producing hormones that help to manage blood sugar and help your body store and use energy from food; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all major cancers, and is currently the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the US following lung and colon, with a 5-year relative survival rate of 11%; and

WHEREAS, of the 23 Counties that makes up Moffitt Cancer Center's catchment area, Hernando County ranked the top County of which residents are dying from pancreatic cancer at a higher rate compared to the other Counties; and

WHEREAS, within Moffitt Cancer Center's Gastrointestinal Oncology Program, are world class, highly specialized pancreatic cancer doctors with knowledge and experience committed to achieving patient outcomes that exceed national averages by taking a multidisciplinary approach in developing a comprehensive, personalized treatment plan of care for patients; and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center's Research in the Gastrointestinal Oncology Program established the Florida Pancreas Collaborative. The Florida Pancreas Collaborative is the first state-wide transdisciplinary partnership comprised of researchers, doctors, patients, and families from institutions across Florida dedicated to advancing research efforts related to pancreatic cancer and its precursor lesions. The multidisciplinary team has been conducting large-scale studies focused on early detection and prevention and cancer health disparities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim November 2025 as **PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners call upon all citizens to increase the public's awareness of pancreatic cancer by hosting community events to educate and increase residents' knowledge about pancreatic cancer; advocating for sustained federal and state investments in pancreatic cancer research; and voluntarily donating to fund pancreatic cancer research programs to improve survival rates and eliminate cancer health disparities.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 28th day of October 2025, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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