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### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** In 2015 an estimated 48,960 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 40,560 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS:** Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020; and

**WHEREAS:** Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just seven percent; and

**WHEREAS:** When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 93 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS:** Approximately 900 deaths will occur in MA in 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** Pancreatic cancer is the 7th most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world; and

**WHEREAS:** There will be an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed globally in 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** The good health and well-being of the residents of Arlington 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 we, the Members of the Board of Selectmen, designate November 13, 2015 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the Town of Arlington.

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ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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