

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH \***

**WHEREAS**, November 2007 will be observed in the State of Arizona as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to create awareness of pancreatic cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, over 37,170 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and 33,370 will die from the disease. The mortality rate for pancreatic cancer is the highest of all cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 25 years. When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis. Seventy-five percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and ninety-five percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS**, last year an estimated \$74.2 million dollars of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) cancer research investment was spent on pancreatic cancer research. This is just 1.5% of the NCI's \$4.74 billion dollar cancer research budget for 2006 – the lowest amount of any leading cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) is a national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Arizona and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) and its affiliates in Arizona support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer and honor those who have lost their lives to the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) and its affiliates in Arizona will promote pancreatic cancer awareness during the month of November, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2007 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Janet Napolitano*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of October in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

*Janice K. Brewer*  
Secretary of State

