PROCLAMATION

Declaring November, 2011 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in 2011, an estimated 44,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis and 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within five years; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Orland Park 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 and its affiliates in Orland Park support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, and promote increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL J. McLAUGHLIN, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2011 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK.

DATED THIS 7th Day of November, 2011.

Signed:	
	Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor