

# Proclamation

## Pancreatic Cancer Month

### November, 2019

Declaring November 21st as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the City of St John's.

WHEREAS in 2019, an estimated 5,500 Canadians will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 4,800 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate of all major cancers, and just 2 to 10 percent of those diagnosed survive five years;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer has had minimal advancements in the last 40 years, and it is projected to become the third leading cause of all cancer deaths in 2020;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of St John's are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the risks and symptoms of pancreatic cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

WHEREAS Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society is a Canadian charitable society dedicated to both increasing survival and improving the quality of life for every Canadian diagnosed with pancreatic cancer'. And whereas, a dedicated local group of volunteers in St. John's promotes pancreatic cancer awareness especially through their Purple Lights for John campaign.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Danny Breen, hereby proclaim November 2019 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month", and November 21st as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the city of St. John's.

I urge citizens to take note of this special month and to participate in the Purple Lights campaign by illuminating their homes and by donating to this very worthy cause. This event gives citizens an opportunity to get involved in the efforts to discover new and better ways to diagnose and treat pancreatic cancer and improve the quality of life of people living with this disease.



Danny Breen, Mayor

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