

**BY:** Senator PERSAUD

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 2025, as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York takes great pride in participating in months designated to raise awareness of important issues; and

**WHEREAS,** November 2025 will be observed as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to create awareness of pancreatic cancer, the third-leading cause of cancer-related death among men and women in the United States, and is anticipated to become the second leading cause by 2030; and

**WHEREAS,** Pancreatic cancer has the lowest relative survival rate of all the cancers tracked by both the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute; and

**WHEREAS,** 74 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and only seven percent survive more than five years; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Cancer Society expects 60,430 people (31,950 men and 28,480 women) will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2021, and 48,220 people will die from the disease in the United States; further- more, the New York State Department of Health estimates that 2,600 New Yorkers die from this disease annually; and

**WHEREAS,** There has been no significant improvement in survival rates in the last 40 years and pancreatic cancer research is still in the earliest scientific stages; and

**WHEREAS,** The number of new pancreatic cancer cases and the number of deaths caused by the disease are increasing; the expected number of new pancreatic cancer cases is projected to increase by 55% between the years 2010 and 2030; and

**WHEREAS,** When symptoms of pancreatic cancer generally present themselves, it is often too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average survival rate is only five to seven months; and

**WHEREAS,** People of Eastern European Jewish and African-American descent are diagnosed at a higher frequency than the rest of the population; and

**WHEREAS,** Additional risk factors include but are not limited to smoking, obesity, recent on-set diabetes, family history of pancreatic cancer and pancreatitis; and

**WHEREAS,** Pancreatic cancer research is currently severely underfunded as compared to other cancers with similar mortality; it is

urgent that we focus on this matter; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 2025, as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York, and to urge its citizens to educate themselves about pancreatic cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments, and prevention programs; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.