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Senator Bacon

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Hughes, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Sawyer,
Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Turner, Widener**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To declare November 2013 as "Pancreatic Cancer
Awareness Month." 1
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is one of the most deadly cancers. 3
In 2013, an estimated 45,000 people in the United States will be 4
diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and more than 38,000 will die 5
from the disease; and 6

WHEREAS, Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of 7
cancer death in the United States. It is the only major cancer 8
with a five-year survival rate of just six per cent; and 9

WHEREAS, In 2013, approximately 1,600 Ohioans will die from 10
pancreatic cancer; and 11

WHEREAS, Symptoms of pancreatic cancer often do not occur 12
until the cancer is at an advanced stage. Approximately 13
seventy-three per cent of pancreatic cancer patients die within 14
the first year of diagnosis and ninety-four per cent of patients 15
die within the first five years of diagnosis; and 16

WHEREAS, The incidence of and mortality rate for pancreatic cancer is increasing. By 2020, it is estimated that pancreatic cancer will move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, the United States Congress enacted the "Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act," which requires the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework for conducting research on pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers; and

WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is a national organization serving individuals with pancreatic cancer through a comprehensive approach, including promoting the enactment of public policy initiatives, increasing funding for pancreatic cancer research, providing services and support to individuals with pancreatic cancer, and increasing public awareness and education regarding effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Ohio support individuals currently battling pancreatic cancer and are committed to finding a cure for this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, The good health and well-being of the residents of Ohio are enhanced due to increased awareness of pancreatic cancer and conducting research on early detection, causes, and effective treatments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, declare November 2013 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Ohio; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of Ohio.