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## ***Teton County to recognize World Pancreatic Cancer Day***

***Jackson, Wyo., Nov. 7, 2016*** – Teton County will recognize Nov. 17 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day.”

At its regular meeting last week, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution to bring awareness to the issue of pancreatic cancer, which this year surpassed breast cancer to become the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States.

“In 2016, an estimated 53,070 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, and 41,780 will die from the disease,” states the resolution, which Commissioner Smokey Rhea read into the public record.

“The good health and well-being of the residents in Teton County, Wyoming, are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treated,” according to the resolution.

In a letter to commissioners supporting the Pancreatic Cancer Day designation, Lisa Carranza, a Teton County resident and Wyoming community advocate for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, said that she lost both her brother and mother to disease.

“My brother was 51 years old when he died. He left a wife and two kids still in college. This was a devastating blow to our family,” Carranza wrote. “My mother died of pancreatic cancer three years later. This was totally unexpected and equally devastating.”

Carranza said that 71 percent of people afflicted with pancreatic cancer will die within one year of their diagnosis, and 92 percent will die within five years of their diagnosis.

This year, Thursday, Nov. 17, will offer an opportunity to reflect on the impact the deadly disease has on our community, Commission Vice-Chair Mark Newcomb said.

“On that day, we can think about anyone we know who might have or has dealt with pancreatic cancer,” Newcomb said.