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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating November 2026 as "Pancreatic
3 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer typically develops when cells in
6 the pancreas mutate and multiply, forming a tumor, and

7 WHEREAS, symptoms often appear only in advanced stages,
8 pancreatic cancer is difficult to detect early, contributing to
9 its ranking as one of the deadliest cancers in the United
10 States, and

11 WHEREAS, early symptoms of pancreatic cancer may include
12 loss of appetite, weight loss, jaundice, dark-colored urine, and
13 pain and swelling in an arm or leg which may be caused by a
14 blood clot, and

15 WHEREAS, while there is no guaranteed way to prevent
16 pancreatic cancer, lifestyle changes such as avoiding tobacco
17 use, maintaining a healthy weight, engaging in regular physical
18 activity, eating a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables,
19 and managing diabetes can significantly reduce a person's risk
20 for developing the disease, and

21 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2025, 67,440 people were
22 diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and

23 WHEREAS, of all major cancers, pancreatic cancer has one of
24 the highest mortality rates and is among the leading causes of
25 cancer-related death in the United States, and

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26 WHEREAS, national awareness campaigns and organizations
27 annually observe "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in November
28 by promoting the color purple, educating the public on warning
29 signs, and advocating for increased research funding, and

30 WHEREAS, "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" highlights
31 survivors and families of victims of pancreatic cancer, honoring
32 their strength, perseverance, and advocacy in the fight against
33 this devastating disease, and

34 WHEREAS, health care providers, researchers, survivors,
35 caregivers, and advocacy organizations throughout the state work
36 tirelessly to improve outcomes for those affected by pancreatic
37 cancer, and

38 WHEREAS, dedicating a formal awareness month provides an
39 opportunity to highlight advances in research and treatment,
40 equitable access to care, and public education about prevention
41 and early detection, NOW, THEREFORE,

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43 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
44 Florida:

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46 That November 2026 is designated as "Pancreatic Cancer
47 Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.