

# Municipality of Anchorage Alaska

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the National Pink Tie Organization recognizes the first Saturday in August, when the entire nation comes together to battle all cancers, to raise awareness and send the message that ending all cancers needs to be a national health priority; and

**WHEREAS**, every city in every state in the nation comes together on the same day in August to sponsor fundraisers and offer forums, public information campaigns and other events for one goal, to raise awareness and educate their citizens about resources available in their community in the fight against all cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, emphasis will be placed on prevention and early detection through health screenings and promotion of healthy lifestyles, which includes proper diet, exercise and a smoke-free environment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Cancer Society, "This year about 580,350 Americans are expected to die of cancer – that's more than 1,600 people a day. Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease. Cancer accounts for nearly 1 out of every 4 deaths in the United States."; and

**WHEREAS**, the physical, emotional, and financial costs of cancer are high and the National Institutes of Health estimates the overall annual cost of cancer is projected to be \$158 billion in the year 2020, and in these tough economic times, working together as a nation will save lives, and save money; and

**WHEREAS**, today we honor the memory of those we have lost, supports those who are fighting cancer, and celebrates the survivors who inspire us through their strength and courage.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby support National Pink Tie Organization's fight against cancers and recognize August 2, 2014, as

## National Cancer Awareness Day

**IN** Anchorage and urge all citizens to support the fight against all cancers, honor the survivors and remember those who will forever live in our hearts.



  
MAYOR