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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SR 62  
Author: Valladares (R), et al.  
Introduced: 8/19/25  
Vote: Majority

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**SUBJECT:** Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims November 2025 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in California and urges all Californians to wage hope to end pancreatic cancer.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2025, an estimated 67,440 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 51,980 people will die from the disease in the United States. Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers. It is the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States and has a five-year relative survival rate of only 13%.
- 2) Symptoms of pancreatic cancer usually first present themselves in its later stages. If detected at an early stage when surgical removal of a tumor is possible, the five-year survival rate has potentially reached 50%, but less than 20% of people are diagnosed at this stage. For 52% of pancreatic cancer patients where the cancer spreads to a distant part of the body, the five-year survival rate is 3%.
- 3) The federal government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in research of any other leading deadly cancer. In 2022, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) had a budget of nearly \$7,000,000,000. In 2022, only \$226,800,000 went towards pancreatic cancer research, which is only 3.3%. In 2025, Congress provided \$7,220,000,000 for the NCI.
- 4) The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) is a national organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community from its California headquarters. The organization is investing \$126 million in pancreatic cancer research,

including research grants program and clinical initiatives. PanCAN received \$15 million in funding from Congress in the 2025 fiscal package.

- 5) The good health and well-being of the residents of California are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

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**Related/Prior Legislation**

HR 129 (Valladares, 2022) – Adopted in Assembly.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No   Fiscal Com.: No   Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

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