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September 19, 2013

Governor Patrick Deval
State House
Office of the Governor
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Deval,

Last year you recognized November 10th as NET Cancer Awareness Day and made an enormous difference to a significant global initiative. The community of neuroendocrine (NET) cancer patients, their families and their friends is once again asking for your support as we seek to bring about national and international awareness of this deadly disease.

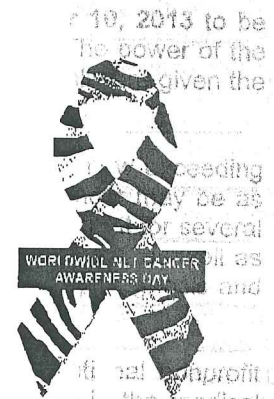
We respectfully request that you and all other United States governors proclaim **November 10, 2013** to be NET Cancer Awareness Day. Your assistance is vital to this initiative, now in its third year. The power of the states acting simultaneously can ensure that NET cancer patients in Massachusetts and globally are given the voice they deserve in asking that early detection of NET cancer be made a public health priority.

The number of diagnosed NET patients is growing quickly, with recognized cases in the US now exceeding 110,000. Between 11,000 and 12,000 more are diagnosed annually. Diagnosis of NET cancer may be as simple as ordering a special blood or urine test yet many patients go without diagnosis or treatment for several years. We encourage our elected representatives, patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, as well as the wider community, to contact us and learn more about NET cancer and the need for timely diagnosis and access to optimal treatment and care.

The Carcinoid Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit organization listed with GuideStar, the national nonprofit database. Our mission is to bring about greater awareness and education of NET cancers in the medical community and in the general public. We are collaborating with other leading NET cancer advocacy organizations and support groups throughout the US to mobilize local patient groups and to rally support for this important cause. We hope that you will join us and the many others who support the NET community.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS neuroendocrine tumors/tumours (NETs) often develop into cancer and, if left untreated, can result in serious illness and death; and

WHEREAS all too often healthcare professionals underestimate the malignant and metastatic potential of neuroendocrine tumors/tumours; and

WHEREAS NET cancer patients are often misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis, which can have a negative impact on their chance of survival and quality of life; and

WHEREAS survival for NET cancer patients is further compromised by fragmented care and lack of access to treatment by networks of specialists; and

WHEREAS although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients are benefiting quickly enough from scientific and medical progress in the field; and

WHEREAS with timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can have significantly improved outcomes and quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the World NET Community, proclaim NOVEMBER 10th as NET Cancer Awareness Day and encourage patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, as well as the wider community, to join with us as we work together to raise awareness about NET cancers and the need for timely diagnosis and access to optimal treatment and care.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas According to the Carcinoid Cancer Foundation, Inc. more than 11,000 people are diagnosed with carcinoid/NET cancer each year; and

Whereas At least 110,000 people are living with carcinoid/NETs in the United States today; and

Whereas Over 90% of all carcinoid/NETs are incorrectly diagnosed or received delayed diagnosis; and

Whereas Through timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can enjoy a better quality of life; and

Whereas Through public awareness the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to provide an opportunity for all people to learn more about the causes and warning signs of this disease, in order for it to be detected early and treated effectively,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 2012, to be

NET CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

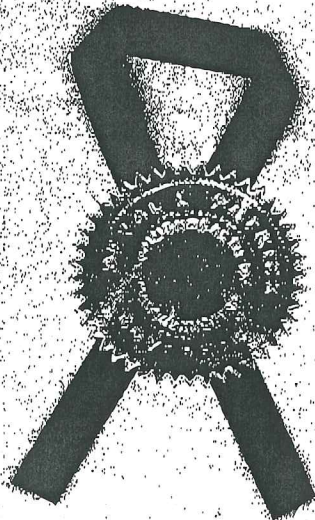
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Day
Nov 10th

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts