



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Madisonville native, Lori Whiting, succumbed to CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA/BILE DUCT CANCER(CCA), which is a rare form of cancer that originates from the cells lining the bile ducts that play a key role in digestion; and

WHEREAS, there are three types: 1) Intrahepatic, 2) Extrahepatic and 3) Perihilar; and

WHEREAS, Lori experienced few symptoms and passed away, Oct. 11, 2016, at the age of 53; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 10,000 Americans diagnosed each year in the United States with numbers increasing annually. The mortality rate has increased dramatically in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, patients are typically diagnosed at late stage due to no validated early method of detection. Symptoms of jaundice, abdominal pain, itchy skin, and weight loss are symptoms that do not usually present until advanced disease progression; and

WHEREAS, Cholangiocarcinoma is a RARE CANCER. Of the top 8 deadliest cancers, 7 are rare. Rare cancers have a 5-year survival rate under 50% with the cholangiocarcinoma 5-year survival rate being approximately 20%; and

WHEREAS, there is currently NO CURE for cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer; and

WHEREAS, Lori was instrumental in raising awareness about cholangiocarcinoma and was a devoted wife and mother, and active member of her local community, being honored by Keysor Elementary School that named its entire south side of the school's front as a bird sanctuary called the Lori B. Whiting Bird Sanctuary; and


WHEREAS, increased cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness, research, and education will bring improved outcomes for patients with earlier detection and treatment and potential curative methods; and

WHEREAS, Lori's husband, Jonathan Whiting is swimming the English Channel between July 17 and July 23, 2022, in her honor and to raise \$100,000 for the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation to fund research; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Madisonville, that March 14, 2022, be recognized as

LORI WHITING DAY

in honor of her legacy of advocacy of cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer.


Kevin Cotton
Mayor