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(State Name) Proclaims November as Curing Stomach Cancer Month

(insert Date), (insert City, State) —In an effort to raise awareness about stomach cancer, **(State Name)** proclaimed November as Curing Stomach Cancer Month – a national movement started by Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) to help spread awareness about the disease during Stomach Cancer Awareness Month. The initiative aims to spread the message that more research funding needs to be supported for more and better treatments for stomach cancer in the hope that one day a cure will be found for this deadly disease. Curing Stomach Cancer Month will be observed throughout November and will include events and outreach activities nationwide. Approximately 27,000 Americans are diagnosed with stomach cancer each year, and more than one million are diagnosed around the world. Stomach cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men and fourth in women worldwide. Each year, tens of thousands of lives are lost to this disease. Despite these staggering statistics, per cancer death, stomach cancer receives the least amount of federal funding of any cancer type. Unfortunately, there is no screening presently used in the United States, and therefore eighty percent of stomach cancer patients are diagnosed in the late stage. Stomach cancer in the United States is one of the most deadly cancers, with a five year survival of only five percent. **(State Name)**'s support in proclaiming November as Curing Stomach Cancer Month will increase awareness about the need to raise the research funding profile for Stomach Cancer in **(State Name)** during this important month.

About Debbie's Dream Foundation

DDF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about gastric cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. DDF seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable gastric cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. Debbie is considered a pioneer by many for bringing awareness to the plight of stomach cancer patients worldwide, as well as to the lack of federal funding for stomach cancer research. She did all of this while receiving hundreds of rounds of chemo and daily oral treatments. Debbie passed away on December 23, 2017, at the age of 50, almost a decade later. As a result of her leadership, DDF now has a Scientific and Medical Advisory Board of world-renowned doctors and chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and Germany. DDF strives to continue Debbie's mission and to make her dream a reality. To learn more about DDF, please visit us at www.DebbiesDream.org.

In recognition of November's designation as Curing Stomach Cancer Month, the following events are being offered throughout the month (List events if applicable): _____, _____, _____

To learn more about these events, call (Event Manager's Name) at (Phone Number).