



## *Proclamation*

### ***CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH***

***September 2024***

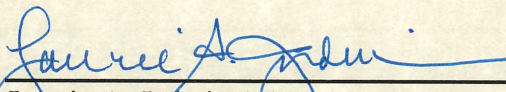
- WHEREAS:** Childhood cancer is the leading cause of disease-related deaths for in children in the U.S., and includes more than 12 major types of pediatric cancers with 100+ subtypes; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately one in 260 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday; and
- WHEREAS:** 47 children per day, or 17,155 children annually, are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., with approximately 40,000 children in active treatment at any given time; and
- WHEREAS:** The average age of diagnosis for children is six years old, compared to an average age of 66 for adult cancer diagnoses; and
- WHEREAS:** 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and
- WHEREAS:** More than two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one-quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately one-half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial burdens from out-of-pocket expenses as “considerable” to “severe”; and
- WHEREAS:** In the last 20 years, only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to support further research; and
- WHEREAS:** Since the unimaginable loss of her daughter, Alex, to leukemia at the age of 10 months old, Gahanna resident Tracy Gold and her family have become inspiring advocates for the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation, which seeks to raise awareness of childhood cancer and provide educational, financial and emotional support to oncology patients and their families;
- WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna is honored to take part in the observance of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to help bring attention to a disease that deeply impacts families in our community and in communities across our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, encourage Gahanna citizens to join me in raising awareness for childhood cancer and supporting families affected by this disease, and do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 in Gahanna as

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor