



Gahanna

Proclamation

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September 2020

- WHEREAS:** Childhood cancer includes more than 12 major types of pediatric cancers with 100+ subtypes, and is the leading cause of disease-related death for children in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer by their 20th birthday; and
- WHEREAS:** 43 children per day, or 15,780 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 95% of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions by the time they are 45 years of age, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial burdens due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and
- WHEREAS:** In the last 40 years, only four 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 carry this out; and
- WHEREAS:** Hundreds of local and national non-profit organizations, including the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation, help children with cancer and their families by providing educational, emotional and financial support; and
- WHEREAS:** Too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna is honored to take part in the observance of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and supports this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country and beyond; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do urge Gahanna citizens to join me in recognizing the awareness for childhood cancer. I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020, 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 4th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.


Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor