



Legislation Text

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PROCLAMATION PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2019

- WHEREAS:** Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and
- WHEREAS:** 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and
- WHEREAS:** 43 children per day or 15,780 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS:** There are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and
- WHEREAS:** The average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS:** 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and
- WHEREAS:** On the average, there's been a 0.6 % increase in incidence per year since the mid-1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24% over the last 40 years; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and
- WHEREAS:** In the last 20 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 non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and
- WHEREAS:** Researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Kneeland, 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 2019, as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 3rd day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.

Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor