Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS: More than 15,000 children under the age of 19 will be diagnosed with cancer in the United States in 2024; and

WHEREAS: approximately 1 in 263 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer before their twentieth birthday; and

WHEREAS: cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS: nearly 500,000 survivors of childhood cancer are alive in the United States today; and

WHEREAS: by the age of 50, more than 99 percent of childhood cancer survivors have had a chronic health problem and 96 percent have experienced a severe or life-threatening condition caused by the toxicity of the treatment that initially saved their life; and

WHEREAS: childhood cancer is the least funded cancer by the government and it is up to non-profit organizations like St. Baldricks Foundation to raise the much-needed funds; and

NOW THEREFORE, I Michael J. Favre, Mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, along with the City Council and all citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as

"NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

Michael J. Favre Mayor, City of Bay St. Louis

CITY COUNCIL Gary Knoblock, Doug Seal, Gene Hoffman, Jeffrey Reed, Kyle Lewis, Buddy Zimmerman, and Josh DeSalvo