

# CITY OF BELLE ISLE



## Proclamation

### Celebrating May 2024 Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month

Whereas, The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May 2024 to highlight the importance of NF research. The Children's Tumor Foundation has expanded our NF Awareness Month campaign to Make NF Research Visible. They believe that the NF community stands on the brink of transformation, and NF Research has the power to transform lives. Their new portrait collection features clinicians, researchers, and patients, highlighting the impact of visibility on NF research. From bench to bedside, making NF research visible has a meaningful impact on everyone touched by NF; and



Whereas, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect the development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin, the disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and

Whereas, The Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process through several consortia called Synodos; and

Whereas, The Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient healthcare through its national NF Clinic Network, and the Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and

Whereas, the Children's Tumor Foundation proudly celebrates 40 years of driving research, expanding knowledge, and advancing care for the NF community, this year reflects on the many key advancements in NF research that can be traced to the Foundation; and

Whereas, Much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research;

**Therefore, I, Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor, in recognition of this important initiative, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month" in the City of Belle Isle and urge our citizens to join the Children's Tumor Foundation's effort to increase awareness of the importance of finding a treatment and a cure for NF.**

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

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Mayor Nicholas Fouraker

