

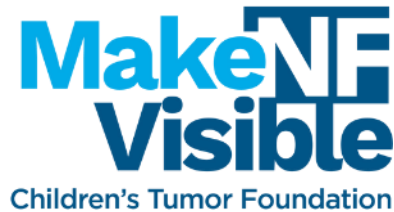
CITY OF BELLE ISLE



Proclamation

Declaring May 2023 Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month

Whereas, The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May 2023 as World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness month to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; although over 2.5 million people around the world are living with NF, and 1 in every 3,000 births is diagnosed with NF, it is still relatively unknown to the public; and Whereas, NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender; 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 leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF; 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 a number of 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;

Now Therefore, I, Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor, in recognition of this important initiative, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 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 to NF.

Attest _____

Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

Mayor Nicholas Fouraker

