

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, pediatric 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, two thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of the treatment they go through; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 24 percent increase in pediatric cancer cases over the last 40 years, equal to 43 children per day or 15,780 children a year diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognized the unique research needs of childhood cancer and increased funding to conduct this research; and

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently to dedicate 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 for all childhood cancers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barry McDonnell, Mayor of the City of Camas, in the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2020, as

"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"

in Camas, Washington and encourage all citizens to join in activities that will increase awareness and prevention of childhood cancer.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 8th day of September, 2020.

Barry McDonnell, Mayor