

Office of the City Commission

Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 16,790 children are diagnosed with cancer in the United States every year, and one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children and adolescents across the country; and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of children in Florida face the battle against cancer, a battle which impacts parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, neighbors, and communities. Thousands of our nation's children lose their battle with cancer each year, and many infants, children, and teens will suffer from the long-term side effects of comprehensive treatment; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month serves to increase awareness of childhood cancer, including the need for early detection, proper treatment, research, and attention to late-term effects of treatment on childhood cancer survivors. As a result of greater treatment options, the five-year relative survival rate for childhood cancer is higher than 80 percent; and

WHEREAS, several health care professionals, private philanthropies, and social support organizations are dedicated to helping children and their families by offering social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial support; and

WHEREAS, these groups are committed to supporting families and children through the uniquely difficult treatment process and funding more needed research to determine the best treatments and outcomes. The City of Cooper City honors the children who have fought and are continuing to fight so bravely against this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Ross, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of September as

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 17th day of September, A.D., 2024.

GREG ROSS
Mayor, City of Cooper City