

PROCLAMATION

National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, every child deserves the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive, yet thousands of children and adolescents across the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year, forever changing the lives of those children and their families; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, affecting nearly 15,000 children under the age of 19 each year, including more than 130 children in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, advances in research, early detection, and treatment have improved survival rates and provided hope to countless families, while also reminding us of the continued need for investment in pediatric cancer research, improved treatments, and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer impacts not only the child, but also parents, siblings, grandparents, friends, caregivers, healthcare professionals, educators, and entire communities who stand beside these courageous children throughout their journeys; and

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead recognizes the extraordinary courage and resilience of children battling cancer, honors the memories of those whose lives have been lost, celebrates survivors, and expresses sincere gratitude to the physicians, nurses, researchers, volunteers, advocates, and organizations dedicated to improving outcomes and supporting affected families; and

WHEREAS, National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to raise awareness, encourage community support, promote research, and reaffirm our commitment to bringing hope to every child and family facing childhood cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council, does hereby proclaim September 2026 as

National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Diamondhead and encourages all citizens to join in supporting children with cancer, honoring survivors, remembering those we have lost, and recognizing the families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, and advocates who work tirelessly to improve the lives of children affected by this disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, to be affixed this **1st day of September, 2026**

Mayor Anna Liese