

# PROCLAMATION

## *A Proclamation Declaring September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

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Whereas, childhood 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, 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., and;  
Whereas, there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time, and;  
Whereas, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis, and;

Whereas, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease, and;  
Whereas, on average there's been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years, and;  
Whereas, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening, and;  
Whereas, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe, and;

Whereas, in the last 20 years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer, and;  
Whereas, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out;  
Whereas, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support, and;

Whereas, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard A. Hofeld, President of the Village of Homewood** do hereby proclaim September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Homewood, Illinois. I encourage all Americans to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE SET MY HAND  
AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF  
HOMEWOOD TO BE AFFIXED HERETO THIS  
14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

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Village President