



City of Medina, Washington
PROCLAMATION

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Week
September 25 – October 1, 2022**

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. and Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, positive appearance services, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, positive appearance programs, educational programs, and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jessica Rossman, Mayor of City of Medina, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby declare September 25 – October 1, 2022 to be

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

And I encourage all people in Medina, WA to join me in this special observance.

Mayor, Jessica Rossman