



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6982
September 1, 2026
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6982: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 396	☐ Discussion Only ☒ Action Needed: ☒ Motion ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Proclamation No. 396 Proclaiming September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month on Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Mayor Dave Rosenbaum Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 396
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim September 2026 as [Childhood Cancer Awareness Month](#) on Mercer Island with Proclamation No. 396 (Exhibit 1).

BACKGROUND

Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children between the ages of 1 and 14 years in the United States, with approximately 16,000 children diagnosed every year. Cancer affects not only the young patients but also their families, friends, and communities.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

September is recognized nationally as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This month is a time to honor the young lives affected by the many different diseases comprising childhood cancer, to remember those who have lost their battles, and to support the families and medical professionals who tirelessly fight to improve the prognosis for all children with cancer.

Progress continues to be made in treating pediatric cancer over the past several decades with the survival rate increasing from approximately 58-68% in the 1970's to 83-88% today. Nevertheless, approximately 1,600 children die each year in the United States of cancer.

Communities across the country "[Go Gold](#)" in September to raise awareness and support for childhood cancer research, treatment, and prevention. "Go Gold" in September by wearing gold, displaying gold ribbons, and participating in events aimed at promoting understanding and solidarity with the affected families.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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