



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor
Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month
September 2023



INFINITE
LOVE for KIDS
FIGHTING CANCER

WHEREAS: September of each year is recognized as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month throughout the nation. Every day 46 children are diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS: More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year; and

WHEREAS: According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, the FDA has initially approved only four new drugs for any childhood cancer in the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS: Less than four percent of the federal government's total funding for cancer research is dedicated to childhood cancers, and only about four percent of the funds raised for the National Cancer Institute go directly to pediatric cancer research; and

WHEREAS: Middletown Township, along with local 501(c)(3) foundation Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer (Infinite Love), is dedicated to educating and mobilizing people about the critical need for funding for pediatric cancer research; and

WHEREAS: To help raise money for this important cause, the second annual **Love for Luca 5K** will be taking place on Sunday, September 24th in honor and memory of Luca Iacono, a beloved 11-year-old Middletown resident who was taken by cancer in 2019. Now,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 2023, and every September going forward, as **Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month** in the Township of Middletown. We encourage the community to help keep Luca's memory alive and honor his life by participating in this event. All proceeds will be given to Infinite Love. Visit www.runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Middletown/LoveforLuca5KRun to register.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this fifth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-three*

Mayor Tony Perry