

# Proclamation Designating September 2018 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States more than 15,000 children from birth to 19 years old were diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

**WHEREAS**, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to about every 3 minutes a family will hear the words ‘Your child has cancer’; and

**WHEREAS**, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, nearly 2,000 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

**WHEREAS**, those that do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life – not limited, but including – heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; and

**WHEREAS**, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children’s developmental needs and other factors; and

**WHEREAS**, children including Layla Beckstrand are among the hundreds of children being treated for cancer in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington is a caring state and Stevenson, Washington is a community that supports children and families;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott Anderson, Mayor of the City of Stevenson, on behalf of the Stevenson City Council, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as:

## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Scott Anderson, Mayor