IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN'S CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2024

WHEREAS,	SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS
	MONTH TO HONOR THOSE CHILDREN WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST AND THOSE
	IRREVOCABLY IMPACTED BY THIS TERRIBLE ILLNESS, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE
	NATION'S RESOLVE TO SEARCH FOR A CURE; AND

- WHEREAS, CANCER IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH BY DISEASE AMONG U.S. CHILDREN BETWEEN INFANCY AND 15 YEARS OF AGE. ONE IN EVERY 260 CHILDREN IN THE U.S. WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER BEFORE THE AGE OF 20; AND
- WHEREAS, CHILDHOOD CANCERS CROSS ALL RACIAL, ETHNIC, GEOGRAPHIC, AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS, AND EACH YEAR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN FACE THE BATTLE OF CANCER WITH INCREDIBLE BRAVERY AND INSPIRING HOPE; AND
- WHEREAS, WHILE PROGRESS AGAINST SOME CHILDHOOD CANCERS HAS BEEN MADE, CURE RATES FOR MANY FORMS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER REMAIN LESS THAN 50%, WITH THE INCIDENCE OF CHILDHOOD CANCERS INCREASING AT A MORE RAPID RATE THAN ANY OTHER AGE GROUP; AND
- WHEREAS, THIS DISEASE NOT ONLY AFFECTS THE CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER, BUT ALSO THEIR ENTIRE SUPPORT NETWORK OF DEVOTED PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS; AND
- WHEREAS,
 THIS MONTH WE RECOGNIZE THAT THESE BURDENS ARE SHARED BY COUNTLESS DEDICATED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS, CHARITIES, AND PARENT ADVOCACY GROUPS WHICH SUPPORT PATIENTS AND FAMILIES BY OFFERING ADVICE, ENCOURAGEMENT, HOPE, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND WORK TIRELESSLY TO LIFT THE SPIRITS OF CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER; AND
- WHEREAS, THIS CITY RECOGNIZES THE DEVASTATING IMPACT THAT THIS DISEASE HAS ON MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASED RESEARCH ON CHILDHOOD CANCER; NOW
- **THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2024 AS:

CHILDREN'S CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.

SIGNED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024, AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
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