

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month was designated to bring awareness to childhood cancer, which remains the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer (also called pediatric cancer) typically means a cancer that is found in children and teens, and sometimes young adults. It is not just one disease. There are many types, which can be found in different places throughout the body; and

WHEREAS, the most common cancer in children is leukemia, a type of blood cancer. Cancer can also occur in organs and tissues such as the lymph nodes (lymphoma), nervous system (brain tumors) and muscles, bone and skin (solid tumors); and

WHEREAS, in a young person, cancer is less likely to be caused by the patient's environment or lifestyle. Instead, cancer-causing genetic changes (called mutations) are most commonly thought to occur by chance. However, in about 8% of cases children are born with genetic changes that increase their risk of getting cancer; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, an estimated 15,780 children aged 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer. While relatively rare, pediatric cancers are often devastating as 20% of children with cancer in the United States will not survive it; and

WHEREAS, more than 95% of childhood cancer survivors have significant treatment-related health issues. About 483,000 childhood cancer survivors live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a cancer diagnosis of a child turns the lives of the entire family upside down and the noble objective of childhood cancer awareness is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, survivorship issues and, importantly, to help raise funds for research and family support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the month of September 2023 is hereby proclaimed National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to recognize the great need to raise support, funding and awareness of childhood cancers and the impact for sufferers and families of sufferers of childhood cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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