

Resolution

No. 22-215

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, an estimated 15,780 children under age 19 are diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, each year globally, an estimated 400,000 children are diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer comes in many forms, including leukemia; lymphoma; brain, spinal cord, and bone cancer; and various forms of cancers caused by human papillomavirus, or HPV; and

WHEREAS, cancer remains the number one cause of death by disease for children in this country, and sadly 20 percent of children with cancer will not survive their battle; and

WHEREAS, many infants, children, and teens will also suffer from acute and long-term effects of cancer and treatment-related health issues, including organ and nerve damage, secondary cancers, infertility, cognitive impairment, and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, families dealing with the devastating impacts and hardships caused by childhood cancer are deserving of recognition, encouragement, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, constant support can be shared by reaching out to those impacted by childhood cancer in our communities; learning more about their issues and needs; and donating to medical research and treatment; and

WHEREAS, many organizations are dedicated to serving and enriching the lives of children and families affected by childhood cancer, including Kids Cancer Connection, Inc.; American Cancer Fund for Children; American Cancer Society in Hawaii; Cancer Kids of Hawaii, Inc.; Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – Hawaii; and Pacific Cancer Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, in honor of those who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, those who are currently battling childhood cancer, and their families and friends who love and celebrate them; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it recognizes September 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month;
2. That it supports increasing awareness and support services for children and families affected by childhood cancer; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Steven Firestein, Founder of Kids Cancer Connection, Inc.; Dr. Amy Firestein, Clinical Director of Kids Cancer Connection, Inc.; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; and the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i.

INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE