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RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children between infancy and age 15 in our country; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 10,500 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed among children and adolescents in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses their battle with cancer, and many infants, children, and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, the end of summer and the beginning of the new school year is an opportune time to lend our support to children and families affected by the devastation of childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, support can be given at any time by reaching out to those impacted by childhood cancer in our communities; learning more about their issues and struggles; and supporting medical research, treatment, and patient advocacy; and

WHEREAS, many organizations are dedicated to enriching the lives of children and families affected by childhood cancer, including Kids Cancer Connection, Inc., founded over 27 years ago by Steven Firestein to provide services to children and families, increase public awareness and educational resources, build family support systems, and give recognition to courageous children and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, several organizations in Maui County and the State of Hawai'i declare a mission to provide support and services to children and individuals of all ages affected by cancer, including American Cancer Society in Hawaii, Cancer Kids of Hawaii, Inc., Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation, and Pacific Cancer Foundation; and

WHEREAS, we honor those who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, survivors and those currently battling cancer, the family and

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friends who love and support them, and the dedicated professionals who provide treatment and care; now, therefore,

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

1. That it recognizes September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and
2. 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.

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