

City of Montpelier, Vermont Proclamation for September 2022 to be Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15 and this disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year, with an estimated 400,000 children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

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

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. and Lions Clubs International, along the philanthropic wing of the Max Factor cosmetics family, are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen in Burlington, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, Laughternoon- Laughter is Healing events, positive appearance programs, pet-assisted therapy, KCC Supercar Experience, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor, and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Montpelier, Vermont hereby proclaim **September 2022 as CHILDHOOD**CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Montpelier.

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