

# Proclamation

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## Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

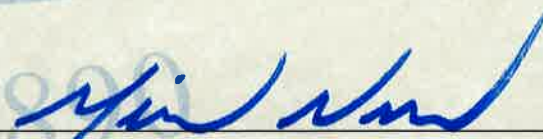
- WHEREAS;** pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and
- WHEREAS;** 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday; and
- WHEREAS;** 80 percent of childhood cancer cases are diagnosed only after the disease has metastasized and spread to other areas of the body; and
- WHEREAS;** two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have long-lasting chronic conditions as a result of the treatments they go through; and
- WHEREAS;** there has been a 24 percent increase in pediatric cancer cases over the last 40 years, equal to 43 children per day or 15,780 children a year diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and
- WHEREAS;** the National Cancer Institute recognized the unique research needs of childhood cancer and increased funding to conduct this research; and
- WHEREAS;** researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently to dedicate their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and
- WHEREAS;** too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of the City of Edmonds do hereby proclaim September 2020

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In Edmonds, and I encourage all community members to recognize the serious impact of childhood cancer and to support, and embrace the significant role each of us can play in the awareness of childhood cancer.

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Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ September 4, 2020