

**PROCLAMATION
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2021**

WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is the number one cause of death from disease among children. Every day, 43 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer and the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old. One in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20 and every year, an estimated 250,000+ new cases of cancer affect children under the age of 20 worldwide. That's almost 700 new kids affected every day. Childhood cancer is the **LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH** by disease in children under the age of 19 in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, One in every 1,000 eighteen year olds in the United States is a survivor of childhood cancer, as a result of overall cure rates that have risen to more than 80% over the past 40 years. Only 4% of federal government cancer research funding goes to childhood cancer research; and

WHEREAS, Lifelong follow up care is recommended for all childhood cancer survivors due to the possibility of late side effects associated with treatment; and

WHEREAS, The impact of a childhood cancer diagnosis produces multiple challenges to a family. Children and their families need and deserve the full support of their communities while undergoing treatment; and

WHEREAS, Survival rates for pediatric cancers have improved dramatically over the past 50 years. Today, innovative treatments such as proton therapy and molecularly targeted therapy give doctors even more tools to fight and win the battle against childhood cancers, while working to reduce side effects from treatments; and

WHEREAS, Proton therapy can be especially beneficial for young cancer patients, who are most vulnerable to side effects of traditional radiation therapy. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak is the first hospital in Michigan treating pediatric patients with proton technology; and

WHEREAS, Our community has the opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of children currently being treated for cancer, childhood cancer survivors and their families. Thankfully our residents continue to take part in a number of activities to raise awareness about pediatric cancers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaims **September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Troy and joins with Beaumont Children's to honor all childhood cancer survivors for their strength and determination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy applaud the dedicated doctors, nurses and staff at Beaumont Children's who dedicate their lives caring for children affected by cancer and thank them for close to 50 years of helping children fight cancer.

Presented this 27th day of September 2021.