

City of Kenmore, Washington
Childhood Cancer Awareness

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and;

WHEREAS, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis, and;

WHEREAS, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease, and;

WHEREAS, on average there's been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years, and;

WHEREAS, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening, and;

WHEREAS, in the last 20 years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer, and;

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out, and;

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support, and;

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating 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, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **September 2021** as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** in the City of Kenmore and encourage all of us to support a cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 26th day of July 2021.



Signed: _____

Attested: _____

[Signature of David Baker]
[Signature of Anastasiya Warhol]

Mayor David Baker

City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol