

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

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

WHEREAS, almost 1 in 300 children in the United States will be diagnosed with childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 15,500 children under the age of 19 in the United States are diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 1,700 children in the United States lose their lives to cancer; and

WHEREAS, 47 children per day, or over 17,000 children in total, are diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States with approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and

WHEREAS, the average age of childhood cancer diagnosis is 8 years old; and

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

WHEREAS, more than 2/3 of children who survive cancer will develop at least 1 chronic health condition, and many survivors will face a late effect from treatment that could be considered severe or life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, cancer patients face a higher risk of contracting the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) due to weakened immune systems; and

WHEREAS, cancer occurs regularly and randomly and spares no racial or ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region; and

WHEREAS, on average, there has been an almost 1% increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970s, resulting in an overall incidence increase of 41% over the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, 95% of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one third being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease, and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure; and

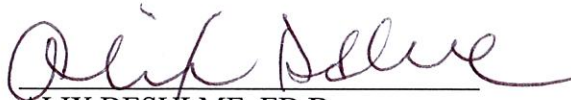
WHEREAS, the City of North Miami designates the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to recognize the impact of pediatric cancer on families within our community and honor the lives of children in our community whose lives have been cut short by cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:


Section 1. **Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, designates the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 12th day of September, 2023.


ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST :



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) (No)

Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) (No)