

**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

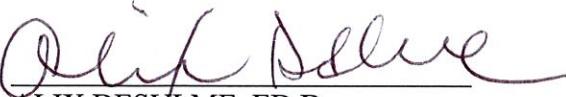
**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami designates the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to recognize the impact of pediatric cancer on families within our community and honor the lives of children in our community whose lives have been cut short by cancer.

**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.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	(No)
Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	(No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	(No)