

Proclamation
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15; and

Whereas, this tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year, and an estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

Whereas, all children deserve the opportunity to flourish, realize their full potential, and chase their dreams; and

Whereas, the impact of childhood cancer extends beyond medical treatment, affecting emotional, psychological, and financial well-being; and

Whereas, many infants, children and teens will also suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

Whereas, raising awareness about childhood cancer is vital to promote research, support, and advocacy efforts; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, Medical City Children's Hospital, UT Southwestern Simmons Cancer Center, Children's Medical Center in Dallas, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsors toy distributions, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, family sailing programs, KCC Supercar Experience, first responder programs, Home and Hospital Instructional programs, and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Tarrant County.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and cause the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 19th day of September, 2023.