

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 25-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER 2021 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, each year in the United States more than 15,780 children from birth to 19 years old are diagnosed with cancer, equal to about 42 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their twentieth birthday with this number increasing each year; and

WHEREAS, each year worldwide, there are more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses, equal to about every 3 minutes a family will hear the words 'Your child has cancer'; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 84 percent, nearly 1,500 American children under the age of nineteen still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

WHEREAS, two thirds that do survive will face at least one chronic health condition later on in life – not limited, but including – heart, liver, lung damage, infertility, secondary cancers and growth deficits; and

WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment for children often must differ from traditional adult treatments to take into account children's developmental needs and other factors – there are more types/variances of childhood cancers than adult cancers; and

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of children being treated for cancer in Washington State with locations at Seattle Children's Hospital (Seattle), Mary Bridge Hospital (Tacoma) and Shriners Hospitals for Children (Spokane); and


WHEREAS, Washington is a caring state and community that supports children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, does hereby resolve as follows:

That the City Council for the City of West Richland, in consultation with Mayor Brent Gerry, does hereby proclaim September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and that the Mayor of the City of West Richland, Washington, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Proclamation, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, this 15th day of June, 2021.


Brent Gerry, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stephanie Haug, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Bronson Brown, City Attorney



PROCLAMATION

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***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brent Gerry, Mayor of the City of West Richland, do hereby proclaim September 2021 to be*

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of West Richland, Washington, and encourage all West Richland residents to join me in this special observance.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the official seal of the City of West Richland Washington.*

Brent Gerry, Mayor