

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children and too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, and 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease and there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and

WHEREAS, on average there has been 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid-1970s resulting in an overall increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years and two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions due to 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 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, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer and 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 education, emotional, and financial support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September as

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage all citizens to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support research to cure this disease that so deeply impacts families in every community.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of September 2021.




JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON