



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, and 5,780 children are diagnosed with cancer annually; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and

WHEREAS, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, on average there has been a 0.6% increase in incidence per year since the mid-1970s, resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24% over the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of childhood cancer families rate the associated out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level, including the **Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation**, are helping children with cancer and their families cope with educational, emotional, and financial support; and

WHEREAS, too many children are affected by this deadly disease, researchers and healthcare professionals are working diligently to treat and cure children with cancer, and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the Council and residents do hereby proclaim the month of **SEPTEMBER** as **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of New Albany, Ohio.


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor