



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is recognized every September by childhood cancer organizations around the world; and

WHEREAS, 16,790 children are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. annually, two-thirds of them will have chronic health conditions resulting from treatment, and these cancers are the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

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

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

WHEREAS, in 1997, a group of parents of children impacted chose gold to represent childhood cancer, and ever since then, supporters around the world “Go Gold” to represent childhood cancer warriors and heroes; and

WHEREAS, the American Childhood Cancer Organization encourages citizens to **Go Gold For Kids With Cancer** by gathering donations and organizing events to raise funds and awareness in their community; and

WHEREAS, State of Ohio **Gold Ribbon License Plates** can now be purchased befitting Pediatric Cancer Research at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

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.

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor