

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-075

Proclaiming September 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. 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. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our country's young people every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year.
- B. One in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers.
- C. Founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic branch of the Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc., Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. along with Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families.
- D. The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Shriners Children's Portland, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and SW Washington, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families.
- E. The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, KCC Supercar Experience, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, pet-assisted therapy, Home and Hospital Instructional programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

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ADOPTED this 7th day of September, 2023.



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Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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