



PROCLAMATION

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Shoreline and I encourage all people to join me in this special observance.



Will Hall, Mayor